

The Evangel

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Mission Statement

In our commitment to mission, Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church will proclaim and witness to God's salvation in our community and the world by preaching God's Word and administering the Sacraments in all their truth and purity."

Adopted by the congregation on April 23, 1989

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The
Season
of
Lent



A voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!"

Luke 19:35 (ESV)

What Goes Around Comes Around

On the first Sunday of this month the season of Epiphany comes to a conclusion in pretty much the same way as it began: the voice of God Himself declaring Jesus to be His dear Son. These words mark the beginning and the end of the Savior's preaching ministry as well.

Both occasions the Father in heaven spoke these words in anticipation of what was to follow. At His Baptism Jesus was "ordained and installed," you might say, for His ministry of preaching the inauguration of the kingdom of God. Now at His transfiguration those same words are spoken to reassure and prepare His closest disciples for what is to come: The completion of His ministry by His suffering and death for the sin of the whole world.

We also need to hear those words—and often. We live in a world that denies that Jesus is the incarnate Son of God—a world that has no use for the message of Law and Gospel that is preached in Jesus' name—a world in which a lot of unfortunate things happen that Satan uses to discourage the children of God in Jesus Christ as he constantly tries to rob them of their faith and their salvation.

Those words of encouragement and reassurance are particularly appropriate for us to hear as we enter the penitential season of Lent, with its focus on the humiliation of our Savior. As we see Him ridiculed and as we are ridiculed for trusting in Him, we are assured that He truly is, as the writer tells us: "Fulfiller of the past [and] Hope of things to be" (*Lutheran Service Book*, #414, stanza 3).

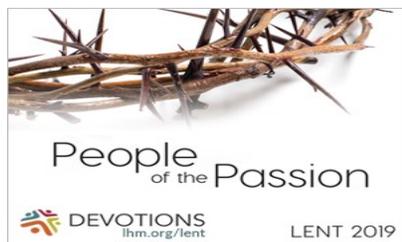
In His love and service,

Pastor Litke

PRAYER THOUGHT

"I think this is where contemplation begins. Sit and listen--in religious terms it may be called waiting on God--but it's simply plain listening or looking in order to hear and to understand. If we did that with regard to the Word of God, with regard to the prayers of the saints, with regard to the situations in which we are, to everything people say to us or what they are in life, with regard to our own selves--we would be in that condition which one can call contemplation, which consists in pondering, thinking deeply, in waiting until one has understood in order to act. Then action would be much more efficient, less hasty, and filled, probably, with some amount of the Divine Wisdom."

--Henry Fairlie in
The Seven Deadly Sins Today



PEOPLE OF THE PASSION

Centuries before Christ, God was preparing the way for His Son's arrival. From mankind's original sin through the children of Israel's on-again, off-again obedience, God was faithful, honoring his promise to Eve (Genesis 3:15), which first pointed to Jesus. In *People of the Passion*, you will see God working through the lives of ordinary people to achieve His ultimate aim; our salvation. There are prophets, priests, and kings, servants, soldiers, and civilians -- each with a role in the high drama of Christ's passion. You may see yourself in some of these people -- ordinary individuals who, like us, need a Savior.

You can pick up this daily Lenten devotion periodical in the narthex on the information table. The devotions begin on March 6, Ash Wednesday and ends April 2. Use this for your personal devotions in your home or in your car. Just don't read while driving!

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

While our Ash Wednesday service on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 will be the same as usual, our midweek services on the following five Wednesdays will be together with Saint John's Lutheran in Millvale and ion Lutheran in Lawrenceville. Zion and Bethel will each host two of the services; Saint John's will host the other. Each service will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a light supper beforehand at 6:00 p.m. The Theme for this year is "*The Wounds of Christ*" and the schedule is as follows:

March 13

Zion Lutheran Church in Lawrenceville
"His Lacerated Back"
(Isaiah 50:4-6)

March 20

Bethel Lutheran Church in Glenshaw
"His Nail-Pierced Hands"
(Psalm 22:14-18)

March 27

Saint John's Lutheran Church in Millvale
"His Bleeding Side"
(John 19:31-37)

April 3

Zion Lutheran Church in Lawrenceville
"His Bruised Heel"
(Genesis 3:15)

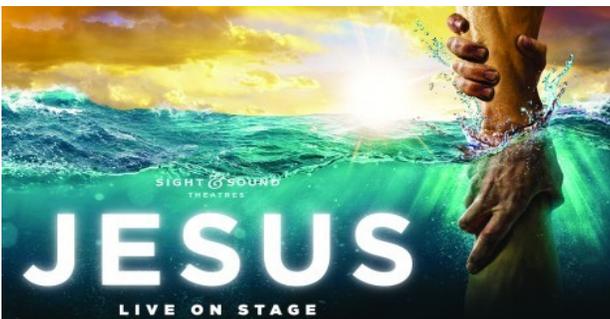
April 10

Bethel Lutheran Church in Glenshaw
"His Thorn-Crowned Head"
(Matthew 27:27-31)



JESUS

Tri-Parish Committee is planning a bus tour if there is enough people interested. It will take place on AUGUST 23-24 to go and see "Jesus" at the **Sights and Sounds Theater** in Lancaster, PA. the price is \$335/dbl ort \$418/sgl. This price includes lodging, some meals, theater tickets and transportation from St. John's in Millvale. Please sign up in the narthex if you are interested. The tour company has a deadline of the end of March. If you want more information on this show ...look it up on the world wide web.



PROGRESSIVE DINNER

WIKIPEDIA —A **progressive dinner** (US) or **safari supper** (UK) is a dinner party with successive courses prepared and eaten at the residences of different hosts. Usually this involves the consumption of one course at each location. Involving travel, it is a variant on a potluck dinner and is sometimes known as a round-robin.

The Tri-Parish committee is planning one on SATURDAY, MARCH 16. It will begin with appetizers at Zion Lutheran Church in Lawrenceville at 4:00 p.m. then continue to the entre at St. John's Lutheran Church in Millvale around 5:30 then finish up around 7:00 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran church in Glenshaw. Plan to join this fun event for great food and fellowship/

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WJAS 1320 AM— Sundays 7:00 a.m.
WWNL 1080 AM—Saturdays 3:30 p.m.
- Sundays 6:00 a.m.
- Sundays 5:30 p.m.

March 3

"Is God Everybody's Father?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
A Christian can say, "I am not Jesus,
but we have the same Father"
(John 8)

March 10

"Through Another's Eyes"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Art helps us to better see the world.
John's Gospel, which is both history and art,
puts the world in proper focus
(John 9:1-41)

March 17

"Ba-a-ah"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Strikingly, Jesus refers to his people both as
"sheep" and as "gods" (Psalm 82).
How does that work?
(John 10)

March 24

"Death Doesn't End the Story"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Some accept death as the end; others,
as a new beginning.
Jesus turned death into a sign that points
us to the Author of life.
(John 11)

March 31

"TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(John 12:12-36)



MARY POPPINS

The High School and Middle School students of Redeemer Lutheran School in Penn Hills will perform **Mary Poppins** on APRIL 5 and 6. Tickets are \$8 by contacting them at 412-793-5884.



FLEA MARKET

The 7th and 8th grade classes of Redeemer Lutheran School are selling tables for their **FLEA MARKET** on SATURDAY, MARCH 23 8:30 a.m.– 2:00 p.m. the cost of each table is \$10. The money made from what you sell is yours and the money from the table fee will help reduce the cost of their Williamsburg trip in May. Forms can be found in Bethel's narthex.

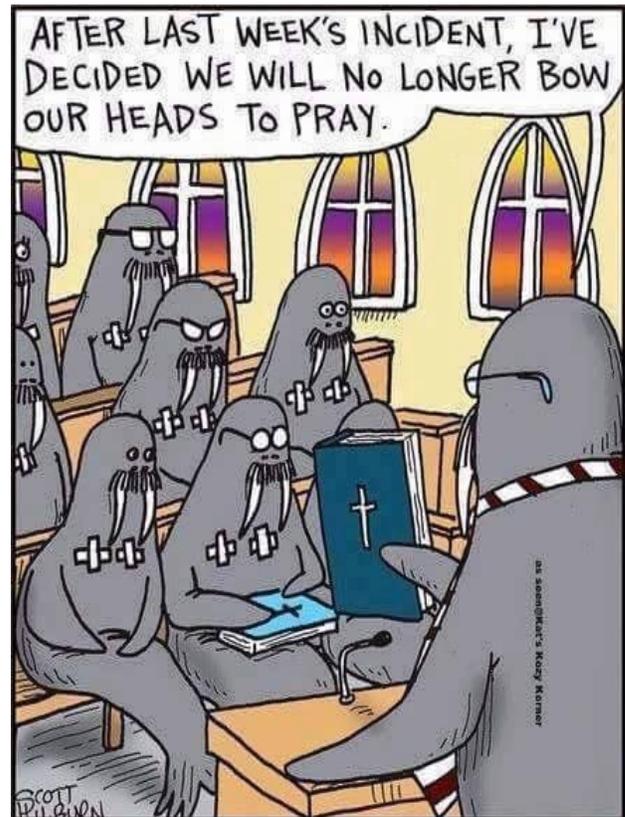


AMAZON SMILE

Bethel will receive a check for \$40.99 from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of the activity between October 1 and December 31, 2018. You can make the amount larger by shopping on AmazonSmile and designate "Bethel" as your charitable organization.

THRIVENT NEWS

Thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Betts by directing their Choice Dollars Bethel will receive \$713.00! You too can direct your Choice Dollars if you are a member of Thrivent. For help in doing this see Al Todd III.



Submitted by Al Todd III

THANK YOU

Bethel recently received a "Thank You" phone call from Edward Delford, from the office of LCMS regarding to Bethel's recent donation to the "Together in Mission Help" program helping Rev. Dr. and Deaconess Naumann in their mission work.

Bethel also received a letter of thank you from First Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church for the gift of \$266.30 for their Campus Ministries and \$72.10 for the Pittsburgh Lutheran Center for the Blind.