



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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"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! . . . For I tell you, you will not see Me again, until you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Matthew 23:37; 39 (ESV)

Last Call

The words quoted above were spoken by Jesus as He wept over the holy city shortly before He entered it to face betrayal, arrest, trial, abuse, condemnation, suffering, and death. He was grieving not because of what lie ahead for Him, but because of what lie ahead for those who reject His ongoing call to repentance and faith.

That call is extended to us as well. We may think about it especially as we enter the penitential season of Lent, but we are constantly being call to repentance and faith by our gracious Lord and Savior. And we have no idea when His call to us will be the "last call." Will this be our last Ash Wednesday on earth? Will we have another chance to repent and believe before He returns in judgment? We have no way of knowing for sure.

That's why it is so important that we live in a constant state of repentance for our sin and faith in His redeeming grace. Whether we are awake or asleep, whether we are healthy or sick, whether we will live or die, we are safe and secure if our confidence is in Him. As His Word assures us: "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.' Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

In His love and service,

Pastor Litke

DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAY

04—Christine Betts
14—Kim Ebbert
- Jacob Swanson
23—Al Todd III
26—Marie Litke

FEBRUARY

ANNIVERSARIES

14—David and Carole Archer

IN HIS SERVICE

Head Usher.....Paul Hoffman
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LENTEN WORSHIP

We will once again observe Lent with a series of midweek worship services. Each service will begin at 7:00 p.m.

We will begin the Lenten season with a service of Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday evening. This service will also include the imposition of ashes as a sign of repentance for those who desire it.

On the following five Wednesday evenings we will gather for worship around the theme "The Way of the Cross" with the following topics and texts:

February 21
"The Sentence"
(Matthew 27:24-26)

February 28
The Reluctant Helper"
(Mark 15:20,21)

March 7
"The Daughters of Jerusalem"
(Luke 23:27-31)

March 14
"The Sacrifice"
(Luke 23:33; 44-46)

March 21
"The Burial"
(John 19:38-42)



FINANCIAL REPORT—THROUGH DECEMBER 2017

	<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Surplus/(Deficit)</u>
DECEMBER	\$ 11,658.04	\$ 37,703.79	\$ 26,045.75
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$121,083.15	\$148,178.85	\$ 27,095.70
	<u>Budgeted Expenses</u>	<u>Actual Expenses</u>	<u>Surplus/(Deficit)</u>
DECEMBER	\$ 9,656.18	\$ 9,939.85	\$ 283.67
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$120,949.40	\$118,915.07	\$(2,034.33)
Y-T-D Income Less Expenses	\$ 133.75	\$29,263.78	\$29,130.03

December income inflated by a contribution from First Lutheran Church (Sharpsburg) of \$16,333.00. Also, several one-time large contributions were made in December.

A SENIOR CITIZEN'S CONFESSION

I am the life of the party....even if it lasts until 8 p.m.

I am very good at opening childproof caps... with a hammer.

I am awake before my body allows me to get up

I am smiling all the time because I cannot hear what you are saying.

I am sure every thing I cannot find is in a safe place somewhere.

I am wrinkled, saggy, lumpy and that is just my left leg.

I am beginning to realize that aging is not for wimps.

But as a senior citizen I think I am having the time of my life.

Spread the laughter
Share the Good News
Let's be happy while we are here!



FIRST OF MANY

Dr. Gary Swanson has been conducting children's sermons for over 15 years. On Sunday, January 28 he presented his talk to his first grandson, Oliver. This is the beginning of many more grandchildren and sermons given to them in love.



