



# The Evangel

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## The Pastor's Desk:

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Dear Beloved in Christ:

Early in the Church's history, the major events in Christ's life were observed with special observances, such as His birth, baptism, death, resurrection and ascension. As these observances developed, a period of time was set aside prior to the major events of Jesus' birth and resurrection as a time of preparation.

During the time of Lent, the worship of our Church assumes a more penitential character. The color for the season is purple, a color often associated with penitence. The "Hymn of Praise" is omitted from the liturgy. The word "Alleluia" is usually omitted as well. By not using the alleluia—a joyful expression meaning "Praise the Lord"—until Easter, the Lenten season is clearly set apart as a distinct time from the rest of the year. Additionally, it forms a powerful contrast with the festive celebration of Jesus' resurrection when our alleluias ring loud and clear, as well they should!

The penitential character of Lent is not its only purpose. In the ancient Church, the weeks leading up to Easter were a time of intensive preparation of the candidates who were to be baptized at the Easter vigil on Holy Saturday. This time in the Church's calendar was seen as an especially appropriate time for Baptism because of the relationship between Christ's death and resurrection and our own in Holy Baptism (see Romans 6:1-11). This focus would suggest that the season of Lent serves not only as a time to meditate on the suffering that Christ endured on our behalf but also as an opportunity to reflect upon our own Baptism and what it means to live as a child of God.

During this season of Lent, let us reflect on our personal response to, and relationship with, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The process of this kind of reflection will prompt a response in us to align our lives with the will of God thus enhancing our relationship with Him and maintaining the Lordship of Christ of our hearts and lives. Our faith is a result of our maintaining a close relationship with God through His Son Jesus Christ for we cannot possess faith by our own power, but only through the grace of God and the power of His Son our Lord.

I wholeheartedly encourage your deep contemplative reflection during this Lenten season. May it enhance and strengthen your personal relationship with God. And may it prompt you to always be "hot" for the Lord and not cold nor lukewarm. For Jesus has told us what He will do if we are lukewarm. (Revelation 3:16). Be forever ignited by the true Light of Life! I pray this season of Lent 2022 to be a great uplifting blessing to you and your family!

God's Blessings Always,  
Rev. Donn Woolweber

## HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY !

01—Charlotte Hornish  
05—Carole Archer  
15—Paul Huffman  
29—Bob Yerkins (at Concordia)



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !

24—Ross and Lynn Betts

## THANK YOU

Bethel received a “Thank You” from First Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in Oakland for the gift of \$853 for Campus Ministries and \$251 for the Pittsburgh Lutheran Center for the Blind. We also received a thank you letter from Redeemer Lutheran School for the \$602 we gifted them.



## REPORT ON CONGREGATION MEETING

The Congregation Meeting held on Sunday, February 27 was once more ‘tabled’ until more research is made in the issue of women’s role in the service. There will be a two week notice in the Sunday Bulletins announcing the next congregation meeting.

MAY THE STRENGTH OF GOD  
PILOT US,  
MAY THE WISDOM OF GOD  
INSTRUCT US,  
MAY THE HAND OF GOD  
PROTECT US,  
MAY THE WORD OF GOD  
DIRECT US.

- SAINT PATRICK

## MID WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

This year the Lenten Services will be held on five Wednesdays beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a light dinner, 6:30 p.m. worship and 7:00 p.m. movie. We will take turns holding this event between Zion Lutheran Church in Lawrenceville and Bethel Lutheran Church in Glenshaw. The first Mid-week Lenten service will be held at Zion. You can park in the Catholic's lot down from the church. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend these services. There is no need to bring anything to the services held at Zion. Please indicate what you will bring for Bethel's.

March 9 .....Zion.....Sermon topic: "Baptism"  
March 16.....Bethel.....Sermon topic: "The Apostle's Creed"  
March 25.....Zion.....Sermon topic: "The Lord Supper"  
April 4.....Bethel.....Sermon topic: "The Ten Commandments"  
April 13.....Zion.....Sermon topic: "Holy Communion"



## COIN FOLDER

Lenten Coin Folders can be picked up in the narthex on the information table (notice it's new location) Please make sure you put your name on the back for bookkeeping purposes. Money collected will go to Holy Cross Church.



## IN HIS SERVICE

Minister.....Rev. Donn E. Woolweber  
Organist.....Sarah Dougal  
David Forsyth  
Greg Wehner  
Office Secretary.....Donna Heintz  
Financial Secretary.....Fred Heintz  
Treasurer.....Dorothy Carlisle  
Altar Guild.....Charlotte Hornish  
Sewing Group.....Donna Heintz  
Front sign manager....Gary Swanson  
Children's sermons....Gary Swanson  
Audio /Visual Tech.....Al Todd III  
Handbell Choir Director.....Rev. Woolweber  
Pittsburgh Lutheran Chorus.....Ruth Miller

Deacon.....Paul Hoffman  
Communion Assistant..... Gary Swanson  
Offering Usher..... Eddie Stabile  
Altar Guild.....Lynn Betts  
Debbie Woolweber

### Counting Committee:

March 6 .....Fred Heintz  
March 13.....Paul Hoffman  
Jonathan Meier  
March 20.....Fred Heintz  
March 27 .....Cindy & Curt Hetz



## 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Director.....Al Todd III  
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## NEW CLEANING COMPANY

The Director of Property was approached by a cleaning company and asked them to give Bethel a bid for weekly cleaning. The company is Anago Commercial Cleaning Services with the Franchise owner from "Follow Suit" cleaning company. They are scheduled to clean Fridays unless something special comes up. It was discussed that having a company who is bonded and insured, plus very close to what we were paying our past cleaning lady was the way to move forward in the care of the church.