



Connecting people to Jesus

The *Good News*

FEBRUARY 2019

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February is the month of Love or so our culture tells us. People prepare to send cards, buy flowers, and make reservations at fancy restaurants, all to show those they love how MUCH they love them.

Also, in February, many NFL football fans show their love of the game by gathering in large crowds with family and friends to celebrate the best teams playing this season, or those who watch just to see the commercials. Love comes in many different forms in this season. But I cannot tell you how many times watching a football game where I have seen a person holding up a sign in the stands that says John 3:16. Hoping for all the world to see the most important message of love, especially since the game reaches into many millions of homes and bars.

John 3:16-17

For God So Loved the World

“16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

I added verse 17 because it connects the work that Christ came to do for the world. It's a love from the Father, that desire that the world be saved. It's a totally different kind of love than the world has for its relationships and or the things we celebrate in the world that have very little meaning down the road. We forget who won or lost the game last year. Unless it was our favorite team.

Our human relationships on Valentines Days depends on the commitment we have made to the person we are sharing the day with. Whether it be a girlfriend or boyfriend or a husband or wife, it's all about what kind of commitment we make to the person.

And that's where we see John 3:16-17. God's love for us and Christ's love of the Father to come into the world and give His life. He comes into a world filled with sin and brokenness. People want to live in darkness so their sins are not exposed. But they really can't hide anything from God. His love comes to the world not to condemn it but to save it.

People love the Lord and desire others to know Him too, so they make those signs to witness and hopefully spark a question in the viewers to find the answers.

Our Redeemer has come into the world to save sinners not to condemn them. He calls sinners out of darkness to live in His light.

“20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. 21 But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

Our Redeemer has been placed in a community of people living in darkness. We need to have a mission to reach them with the Love that Christ gave for us. We need to share that love with each other. It's being carried out in God, and it cannot fail because Christ is the righteousness of those who hope in His name.

Pastor Christian

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2019

February 3	Jeremiah 1:4-10	1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13	Luke 4:31-44
February 10	Isaiah 6:1-8	1 Corinthians 14:12b-20	Luke 5:1-11
February 17	Jeremiah 17:5-8	1 Corinthians 15:1-20	Luke 6:17-26
February 24	Genesis 45:3-15	1 Corinthians 15:21-26,30-42	Luke 6:27-38

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PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH

We pray for the sick, injured, those undergoing and recovering from surgical procedures and those facing long term illness: Steve, Anna Mae, Gabi, Kenneth, Kaala, Linda, Tom, Bonnie, Chuck, Bailey, Barbara, Arlen, Colbert, Sandie, Laurie, Vivian, Audrey, Monica, Stacy, Dan, Linda, Heather, Troy, Peter, Parker, Annie, Summy.



BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Jerry Bruhnke
Paris Bile
Masami Lachmann
Karl Bachman
Doreen Chang
Michael Riess

ANNIVERSARY FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

“Willie” and Rianna Williams
Andy and Wendy Pung
Daniel and Marilyn Secretario
Gary and Sharon Shinno



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCH at Romano's Macaroni Grill



Sitting on the far right is a visitor from Columbia, MO, Rose Ward (friend of Lugine Hein who joined the ladies for lunch.



(Left to right) Lugine Hein, Takako Thompson, Luella Seyfer, Ruby Hodel, Gladys Crenshaw, Nancy Beadle, Ruth Crockett, Cristobel Sanders, Lucy Niles, Lorine Pelletier, Audrey Fink.
Not pictured: Marcy Reginelli

Next month the "*Ladies Who Lunch*" will meet for a "*Heart-y*" Luncheon on **February 14th**, **Valentine's Day**, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Aloha Room. The main course will be provided and everyone is asked to bring a dessert. Members and friends of Our Redeemer are welcome.





Our Mission Work in Haiti

Before Christmas we had a gathering open to anyone in the congregation to come and help us brainstorm about what mission work we might support outside of the congregation. Recently the Board of Finance Management chose from that list four mission projects to support with our mission dollars. Each one will receive \$100 per month during this fiscal year. One of those is the First Lutheran Church of Jacmel, Haiti.

First Lutheran is a congregation with about 400 people who worship every Sunday in a structure that is little more than corrugated metal on posts. They are in the process of building an actual room with walls, roof, and electricity where they may conduct worship services and they are doing the labor themselves. What they need are the supplies: brick, mortar, rebar, conduit, and the like. Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Greenville, Wisconsin, is helping them in this project. They raise funds for the supplies and once a year go on a mission trip to Haiti to help with the construction. The next trip is this March. In addition to offering support for the construction they help by teaching Bible stories to the children, conducting craft classes that illustrate Bible truths, and cook wholesome meals for the young Christians.

Lutherans have a good history in Haiti, especially the work of Lutheran Disaster Relief, following earthquakes or hurricanes. The Lutherans are often the first to offer aid. Our Redeemer Lutheran is now entering into a partnership with Shepherd of the Hills to support the growth of the Lutheran Church in Haiti. Any member of the congregation who would personally like to help in Haiti should begin thinking about making a trip in March 2020.

There is a personal connection between Our Redeemer and Shepherd of the Hills, Pastor Chad Starfeldt. When Pastor Chad was a student at Concordia University, Chicago, he spent his last summer conducting a community outreach program for young people through Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, High Point, North Carolina, where "yours truly" was serving as the pastor. Following many years as a very talented Director of Christian Education he went to seminary and is now serving as a pastor at Shepherd of the Hills.

Karl D. Bachman, President



Worship Assistants Schedule for the month of FEBRUARY

February 3, 2019 – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Assistant: Richard Thompson
Crucifer: Stuart Peace
Ushers: Stuart Peace, Lester Pelletier
Lectors: Bonnie Jo Alle - Jeremiah 1:4-10
Richard Thompson - 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13
Gospel – Luke 4:31-44

February 10, 2019 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Assistant: Henry Kuhn II
Ushers: Marcy Reginelli, Thomas Windsor
Lectors: Marcy Reginelli - Isaiah 6:1-8
Henry Kuhn II – 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20
Gospel – Luke 5:1-11

February 17, 2019 – Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Assistant: Stuart Peace
Ushers: Matthew Schlechte, Carl Weinsteger
Lectors: Takako Thompson - Jeremiah 17:5-8
Stuart Peace - 1 Corinthians 15:1-20
Gospel – Luke 6:17-26

February 24, 2019 – Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Assistant: Joseph Krakowiak
Ushers: Anne Krakowiak, Henry Kuhn II
Lectors: Jerry Groth - Genesis 45:3-15
Joseph Krakowiak- 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42
Gospel – Luke 6:27-38

KEIKI CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

February 3 Ruth Crockett
February 10 Lorine Pelletier
February 17 Bonnie Jo Alle
February 24 Lorine Pelletier



February 2019 Calendar

Sat.	Feb. 2	8:00 am	Fellowship Breakfast – Kahala Zippy’s (dine in)
Sun.	Feb. 3	9:00 am	Divine Service with Communion
		10:15 am	Fellowship
		10:30 am	Bible Study – Room 2
Mon.	Feb. 4	6:30 am	Board of Finance Management – Aloha Room
Wed.	Feb. 6	10:00 am	Bible Study – Aloha Room
Sat.	Feb. 9	8:00 am	Fellowship Breakfast – Kahala Zippy’s (dine in)
Sun.	Feb. 10	9:00 am	Divine Service with Communion
		10:15 am	Fellowship
		10:30 am	Bible Study – Room 2
		11:45 am	Walk Through the Facility
Mon.	Feb. 11	6:30 pm	Board of Spiritual Life – Aloha Room
Wed.	Feb. 13	10:00 am	Bible Study – Aloha Room
Thurs.	Feb. 14	11:00 am	Women’s Fellowship Lunch – Aloha Room
Sat.	Feb. 16	8:00 am	Fellowship Breakfast – Kahala Zippy’s (dine in)
Sun.	Feb. 17	9:00 am	Divine Service with Communion
		10:15 am	Fellowship
		10:30 am	Bible Study – Room 2
Mon.	Feb. 18	6:30 pm	Board of Directors -Aloha Room
Wed.	Feb. 20	10:00 am	Bible Study – Aloha Room
		11:00 am	Board of Property Management -Aloha Room
Sat.	Feb. 23	8:00 am	Fellowship Breakfast – Kahala Zippy’s (dine in)
Sun.	Feb. 24	9:00 am	Divine Service with Communion
		10:15 am	Fellowship
		10:30 am	Bible Study
Wed.	Feb. 27	10:00 am	Bible Study Aloha Room



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Pastor Christian Rasmussen

Administrative Assistant
Director of Music
Trumpet

Cello

Sharon Shinno
Karl Bachman
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Lauren Block

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