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# The *Good News*

**FEBRUARY**

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## **NEWSLETTER DEVOTION**

1 Corinthians 13 (ESV)

The Way of Love

*If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.*

Over five hundred years ago Martin Luther began his journey of discovering the Love that God had for himself and God's Children.

A few years ago the church celebrated the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the reformation what does Luther have to say about love?

### **GOD'S LOVE IS EVIDENCED NOT BY RECEIVING BUT BY GIVING**

"According to Luther, to know that Christ lives in us, ought to lead us to primarily lead us to only one practical implication: that He is in us that we might be a "Christ" to others.

This is precisely Luther's comment and reading of Galatians 2:19-20, where Paul says, "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me."

If our focus is correctly on allowing God to replace our "human love" with His love, then we are simply not preoccupied with receiving things from God to use for our own pleasure.

Rather, recognizing we are "ministers" in God's "hospital, our concern is on becoming a "Christ" to others." This is Luther's understanding of what it means to live in union with Christ; to be indwelt by the Spirit of Christ.

For this reason, Luther wrote, "Surely we are named after Christ not because he is absent from us, but because he dwells in us; that is, because we believe, in him, we are 'Christ' to one another and do to our neighbors as Christ does to us." (LW, XXXI, 368).

I gathered these extracts from Luther's writings from a Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen's article, "Theology of the Cross: A Stumbling Block to Pentecostal/Charismatic Spirituality?"

Pastor Christian

## READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2020

Feb. 2	1 Samuel 1:21-28	Hebrews 2:14-18	Luke 2:22-40
Feb. 9	Isaiah 58:3-9a	1 Corinthians 2:1-16	Matthew 5:13-20
Feb. 16	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
Feb. 23	Exodus 24:8-18	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
Feb. 26	Joel 2:12-19	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

## PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH

*We pray for the sick, injured, those undergoing and recovering from surgical procedures and those facing long term illness:* Bill, Peggy, Samuel, Gabi, Karen, Stuart, Rick, Joyce, Linda, Trudy, Owen, Lorine, Bill, Kimo, Scarlett, Tom, Colbert, Laurie, Vivian, Audrey, Monica, Dan, Linda, Heather, Troy, Peter, Parker, Annie, Summy.



## EDDIE BRUHNKE HAS DONE IT AGAIN!!



In 2019 he ran 2023 miles which is the record even for him!

Congratulations to Edward and his coach Jerry Bruhnke!!



## 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 Shino

*Happy Anniversary!*

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## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The women of Our Redeemer meet on the second Thursday of each month for lunch. We did not get a photo of our experience at Mexico Restaurant at the January Fellowship lunch but everyone enjoyed their meal and the portions were enormous. A great place to eat.

Our next luncheon will be on February 13th at 11:00 am in the Aloha Room. Lunch and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dessert to share. Join us for this Valentines Day themed lunch. Please let Nelda Peterson know that you will attend or call the church office.

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### **Worship Assistants Schedule for the month of FEBRUARY**

Worship Care – Lorine Pelletier

#### **February 2, 2020- The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord**

Assistant: Philip Rappe  
Lectors: Jerry Groth, Phillip Rappe  
Ushers: Carl Weinsteger, Lester Pelletier

#### **February 9, 2020 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Assistant: Maxwell Hardoby  
Lectors: Sherry Spangler, Maxwell Hardoby  
Ushers: Marcy Reginelli, Matthew Schlechte

#### **February 16, 2020 – Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Assistant: Joseph Krakowiak  
Lectors: Randy Laser, Joseph Krakowiak  
Ushers: Anne Krakowiak, Henry Kuhn II

#### **February 23, 2020 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Assistant: Henry Kuhn II  
Lectors: Andrew Casey, Henry Kuhn II  
Ushers: Stuart Peace, Lester Pelletier

#### **February 28, 2019 - Ash Wednesday**

Assistant: Jerry Groth  
Lectors: Marcy Reginelli, Jerry Groth  
Ushers: Marcy Reginelli, Lester Pelletier

### **KEIKI CHURCH VOLUNTEERS**

February 2 Ruth Crockett  
February 9 Lorine Pelletier  
February 16 Bonnie Jo Alle  
February 23 Ruth Crockett





Please join us on **Wednesday February 26** as we begin the Season of Lent with our **Ash Wednesday Service**. This service begins at 7:00 pm and includes the Imposition of Ashes as well as Holy Communion.



We will continue to worship **each Wednesday throughout Lent** as we make our way to the cross of Calvary.

Midweek services will be at 7:00pm with a light soup supper before each service at 6:00 pm in the Aloha Room.

**Please join us on March 4<sup>th</sup> for a Chili Cook-off at 6:00 pm in the Aloha Room.**

*May God bless our journey to the cross of Calvary  
and the empty tomb of Easter morning!*

# February

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:00 Fellowship Breakfast – Zippy’s Kahala  10:00 Board of Community Life
2 9:00 Divine Service 10:15 Fellowship 10:45 Bible Study	3 6:30 Board of Finance	4 9:00 Worship Life meeting	5 10:00 Bible Study	6	7	8 8:00 Fellowship Breakfast – Zippy’s Kahala
9 9:00 Divine Service 10:15 Fellowship 10:45 Bible Study	10 6:30 Board of Spiritual Life	11 10:00 Board of Property	12 10:00 Bible Study	13 11:00 Women’s Fellowship Lunch -Aloha Room	14	15 8:00 Fellowship Breakfast – Zippy’s Kahala
16 9:00 Divine Service 10:15 Fellowship 10:45 Bible Study 12:00 Board of Directors	17 HOLIDAY Office Closed	18	19 No Bible Study	20	21	22 8:00 Fellowship Breakfast – Zippy’s Kahala
23 9:00 Divine Service 10:15 Fellowship 10:45 Bible Study	24	25 11:00 Celebration of Life – Betty Beringer	26 10:00 Bible Study  7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	27	28	29 8:00 Fellowship Breakfast – Zippy’s Kahala



## **Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**

**Pastor Christian Rasmussen**

Administrative Assistant  
Director of Music  
Trumpet

**Sharon Shinno**  
**Karl Bachman**  
**Roger Koopman**  
**Jillian Madanay**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Board of Spiritual Life Director  
Board of Community Life Director  
Board of Finance Management Director  
Board of Property Management Director

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