

******Lost and found******

A key ring with loads of keys and a key fob is missing.

Brenda is missing a glass lid (with a black handle) for her crock pot. Her pot was returned to her with a plastic lid and that lid is in the basement of the church if anyone is missing one.

If anyone found a round Tupperware cake keeper at church and found they have an extra one, Cathy Larson is missing hers.

Virginia Lichac is still missing a family Bible. It has a soft cover and is burgundy with her maiden name "Virginia Baker" on the inside cover.

Thanks.

MARCH 2018

NEWSLETTER



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN

HERALD

Pastor's Devotion... How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you. Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God! O men of blood, depart from me! They speak against you with malicious intent; your enemies take your name in vain! Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you? I hate them with complete hatred; I count them my enemies. Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! *Psalm 139:17-24*

So many things to consider as I prepare to write this devotion. It's March, the third month of the year, so what direction should I take??? Should I write about Joshua, and his leading the Israelites in a "March" around Jericho? Or maybe, since March is the 3rd month, should I write about another biblical trio...that being the Trinity??? Or maybe something about the three parts of us human beings...body, mind and soul??? What am I to do, after all, I'm writing this in the midst of a rather significant event being held on the opposite side of the world, the Winter Olympics are going on, and they give out three different medals to the best competitors in each of the different sports, a gold, silver and bronze medal...Oh, what am I to do??? Then there's this other significant event that just made the news...the passing of an Icon in Evangelical Christianity, the Rev. Billy Graham.

So with such a quandary before me, I did what I often do in such circumstances, I let God decide...its times like these that I go to God's word. I'll often, when I find myself in a situation like this, seek His guidance as to what to write on, and since I'm writing this devotion on my laptop, I just opened my bible program which routinely opens to a random verse in a sort of electronic version of just letting one's bible fall open, I found the above portion of Scripture...Psalm 139, and it's reference to God's thoughts...how about that...God's thoughts instead of mine...how appropriate...

And it's even more appropriate in this circumstance as there's been another rather sad bit of news reported lately...that being a certain member of a group of ladies who claim to have the right "VIEW" of all things cultural...and one of these people made a comment equating our Vice-president's admission to hearing from his Lord to mental illness. And while my scriptural quote above is from the Old Testament, and deals with the Psalmist's conversation with Yahweh, God the Father, it's no less a conversation...The Psalmist, good King David, by the way, who penned these words, his portion of a conversation with the Almighty. A conversation we understand as being a truly real one in which David was looking forward to the response he was expecting...an actual response, letting him know he was heard, and giving him the desired outcome he sought...an outcome that we should all seek...to be "lead... in the way everlasting"...which also seems to be exactly what our V.P. was seeking as well...to be lead in the way, by "THE WAY"... Amen!



- March 8 Cathy Siemsen
Selah Ann Chandler
- March 09 Mary Loney
Megan Chandler
- March 26 Barbara Cobb



- March 16 John & Mary Loney
- March 24 Ted & Cathy Larson
- March 25 Dwayne & Susan Holt

Commentary from Doris...

Where's the Bluebird?

Springtime is a-comin'; grasses are a-growin', birds and bees are singin' and a-buzz, in'. And, hey! Perhaps the flu bug has gone away? But, has anybody spotted the Bluebird? You know, not the bluebirds-but the Bluebird of happiness—that one?

What, you ask? That's a song from years ago. Just a song. Yes, it was-and is. Yet its message via the lyrics still holds true. We have always needed a symbol of some sort to remind us that happiness is REAL.

Perhaps we've been too wrapped up in the big-bad stuff our world is throwing at us-even indirectly through newspapers and television-and left no room for seeing or feeling the good stuff. Oh, there is good stuff out there, folks. Trouble is, too often we're actually drawn to the opposite. Maybe because it gives us a reason to feel better about ourselves. After all, we don't do such things.

And then, there's the sympathy we find ourselves feeling for the victims of these horrendous things. Nothing wrong with that-especially if we lift them up to God for healing. And, of course if there's anything we can do to change the situation-well, Good. Then Go and Do.

But hey, what's to be happy about anyway? LOTS.

First of all, we NEED happiness. We NEED positive-ness in our day-to-day living. God didn't create us to be grumpy and grumble our way through our day. He made us in His image. Now, if that's not reason enough to be happy, there's yet another POWERFUL reason: His only begotten Son—and all Jesus did and is for us—those of us who want a RELATIONSHIP with the Father through and because of His Son.

Beats a whole flock of Bluebirds—even the “Happiness” ones, don't you agree?

“7 NOT-SO-SILLIES”

1. Can an atheist get insurance against God?
2. If police arrest a mime, do they need to tell her/him he/her has a right to remain silent?
3. Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?
4. Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?
5. There’s one nice thing about egotists—they don’t talk about other people.
6. What was the best thing before sliced bread?
7. How is it possible to have a civil war?

LOOKING AHEAD...

ELDER MEETING March 1st at 6:30.

LWML meeting March 3rd at 10:00.

COUNCIL MEETING is March 6th.

LISTENING HEARTS March 10th at OSLC.

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS begins March 11th.

SECOND SUNDAY BIRTHDAY/ANN CELEBRATION is March 11th.

MITE BOX will be in the Narthex March 18th.

BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays at 10:00 from March 7th through March 21st then back to 11:00 on March 28th.

LENTEN SERVICES Wednesdays at 11:00 through March 21st.

MAUNDY SERVICE March 22nd at 11:00.

GOOD FRIDAY JOINT SERVICE March 23rd with COTC at 6:00 p.m.

READINGS FOR MARCH

- March 1** Gen. 24:1-31, Mark 7:24-37
- March 2** Gen. 24:32-52, 61-67, *Gen. 25:1-26:35*, Mark 8:1-21
- March 3** Gen. 27:1-29, Mark 8:22-38
- March 4** Gen. 27:30-45, 28:10-22, Mark 9:1-13(Lent #3)
- March 5** Gen. 29:1-30, *Gen. 29:31-34:31*, Mark 9:14-32
- March 6** Gen. 35:1-29, Mark 9:33-50
- March 7** Gen. 37:1-36, Mark 10:1-12
- March 8** Gen. 39:1-23, Mark 10:13-31
- March 9** Gen. 40:1-23, Mark 10:32-52
- March 10** Gen. 41:1-27, Mark 11:1-19
- March 11** Gen. 41:28-57, Mark 11:20-33(Lent #4)
- March 12** Gen. 42:1-34, 38, Mark 12:1-12
- March 13** Gen. 43:1-28, Mark 12:13-27
- March 14** Gen. 44:1-18, 32-34, Mark 12:28-44
- March 15** Gen. 45:1-20, 24-28, Mark 13:1-23
- March 16** Gen. 47:1-31, *Gen. 48:1-49:28*, Mark 13:24-37
- March 17** Gen. 49:29-50:7, 14-26, Mark 14:1-11
- March 18** Ex. 1:1-22, Mark 14:12-31 (Lent #5)
- March 19** Ex. 2:1-22, Mark 14:32-52
- March 20** Ex. 2:23-3:22, Mark 14:53-72
- March 21** Ex. 4:1-18, Mark 15:1-15
- March 22** Ex. 4:19-31, Mark 15:16-32
- March 23** Ex. 5:1-6:1, Mark 15:33-47
- March 24** Ex. 7:1-25, Mark 16:1-20
- March 25** Ex. 8:1-32, Psalm 118, Heb. 1:1-14(Palm Sunday)
- March 26** Ex. 9:1-28, Lam. 1:1-22, Heb. 2:1-18
- March 27** Ex. 9:29-10:20, Lam. 2:1-22, Heb. 3:1-19
- March 28** Ex. 10:21-11:10, Lam. 3:1-66, Heb. 4:1-16
- March 29** Ex. 12:1-28, Lam. 5:1-14, Psalm 31(Holy Thursday)
- March 30** Ex. 12:29-32, 13:1-16, Lam. 5:1-22, Heb. 6:1-20,
Psalm 22(Good Friday)
- March 31** Ex. 13:17-14:9, Heb. 7:1-22(Holy Saturday)