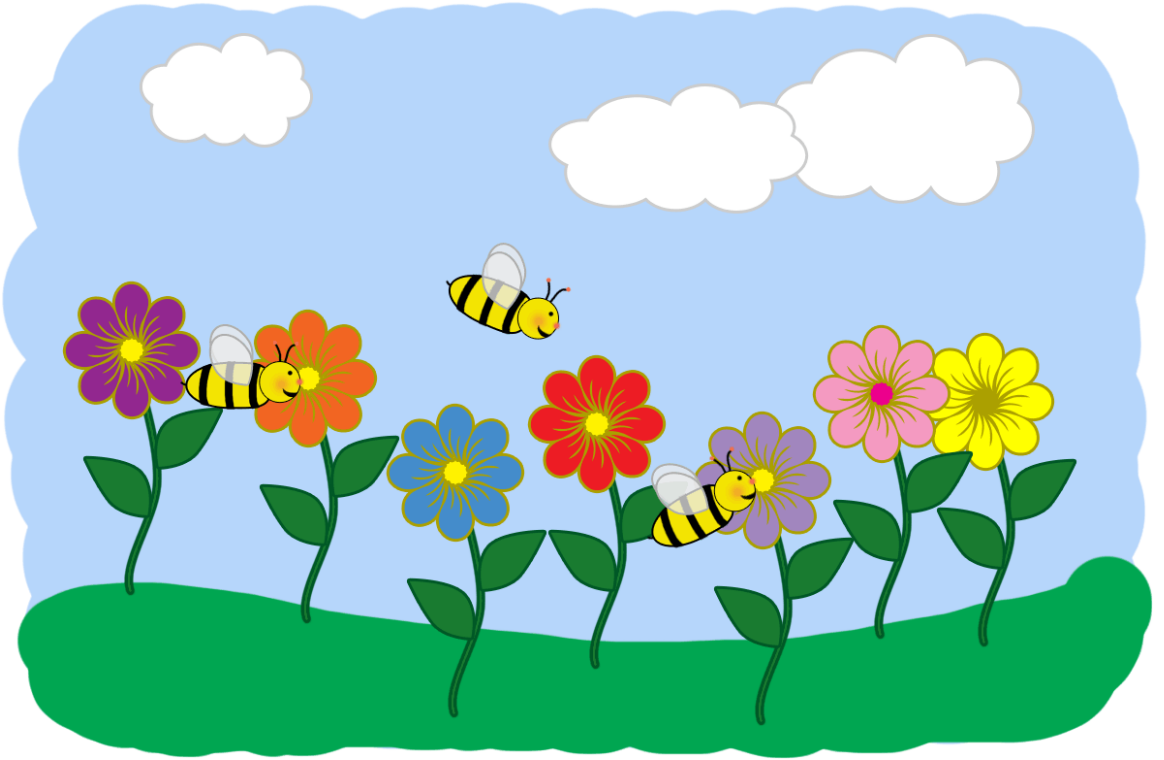




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NEWSLETTER



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN
CHURCH HERALD

Pastor's Devo... This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. *1 John 5:6-12*

Three...good biblical number “three”. This number occurs 388 times in Scripture. It appears first in Genesis, at the report of the number of sons a certain shipbuilder has, and the last use is not surprisingly, in the last book of Scripture, where God’s people are informed of the number of gates in each wall of the “New” Jerusalem. And would anyone like to guess how many books of the Bible us the word “Three” in them that many times???Yep, THREE! (Isaiah, Jeremiah, and 2nd Corinthians)

And now that we find ourselves in the 3rd month of the year 2023, again, as is often the case, we’re in the Holy Season of Lent, where God’s people spend time reflecting upon our basic human nature, one in which we are forced to admit that we are born blind, dead, and enemies of God but yet, as we get reminded of in this Sunday’s Gospel reading,(Also provided by the same man who gave us the scripture above), that “Gospel-in-a-nutshell” that God loves us...all of us...so much so that He sent the whole world a Savior...One who would take it upon Himself to gather a few men, teach them, and turn them out to spread this “Good News” about God’s love. And since I’ve mentioned that word “Love” I hope many of you are able to attend Sunday’s organ recital by our brother, Dale, which also reflects on the theme of “Love”.

Yep, Three...and you know, I was taught about another “Three”...this was during my days at Instructor training while I was in the Navy back in the day...I was taught that when you present information to a classroom, you need three exposures to the subject matter to get your audience to fully grasp what you’re trying to get them to understand. First, you tell them by way of introduction, what you’re going to teach them, second, you tell them what they are needing to understand, that is, what they need to know, then thirdly, you summarize in a way that reinforces the subject...so you tell ‘em what you’re going to tell them, then you tell them, then you tell ‘em what you’ve told them...three times, so that it just might sink in...

And before I close this devotion, there’s another “Three” I like to remind you of...it is the Church’s understanding that the Lord’s earthly ministry lasted three years...from His baptism to His ascension...three years He worked at His Father’s plan, doing just that very thing that He said He had been sent to do...live a perfect life, so as to be unblemished, so He could present Himself as that perfect Paschal sacrifice, teach others “The Way” that He was indeed that one way to eternal life, and demonstrating that He was “Immanuel”, “God with us” so as to be that One in whom God’s people could believe in, have faith in, to be the Messiah of God, who can save the world...because the Maker of the world loves us all...now and forever, Amen!



March 3

March 8

March 9

Kristine Banas

Cathy Siemsen

Mary Loney



March 16

John & Mary Loney

March 25

Dwayne & Susan Holt

READINGS FOR MARCH

March 1	Gen. 8:13-9:17, <i>Gen. 9:18-11:26</i> , Mark 4:1-20
March 2	Gen. 11:27-12:20, Mark 4:21-41
March 3	Gen. 13:1-18, <i>Gen. 14:1-24</i> , Mark 5:1-20
March 4	Gen. 15:1-21, Mark 5:21-43
March 5	Gen. 16:1-9, 15-17:22, Mark 6:1-13
March 6	Gen. 18:1-15, <i>Gen. 18:16-20:18</i> , Mark 6:14-34
March 7	Gen. 21:1-21, Mark 6:35-56
March 8	Gen. 22:1-19, Mark 7:1-23
March 9	Gen. 24:1-31, Mark 7:24-37
March 10	Gen. 24:32-52, 61-67, <i>Gen. 25:1-26:35</i> , Mark 8:1-21
March 11	Gen. 27:1-29, Mark 8:22-38
March 12	Gen. 27:30-45; 28:10-22, Mark 9:1-13
March 13	Gen. 29:1-30, <i>Gen. 29:31-34:31</i> , Mark 9:14-32
March 14	Gen. 35:1-29, Mark 9:33-50
March 15	Gen. 37:1-36, Mark 10:1-12
March 16	Gen. 39:1-23, Mark 10:13-31
March 17	Gen. 40:1-23, Mark 10:32-52
March 18	Gen. 41:1-27, Mark 11:1-19
March 19	Gen. 41:28-57, Mark 11:20-33
March 20	Gen. 42:1-34, 38, Mark 12:1-12
March 21	Gen. 43:1-28, Mark 12:13-27
March 22	Gen. 44:1-18, 32-34, Mark 12:28-44
March 23	Gen. 45:1-20, 24-28, Mark 13:1-23
March 24	Gen. 47:1-31, Gen. 48:1-49:28, Mark 13:24-37
March 25	Gen. 49:29-50:7, 14-26, Mark 14:1-11
March 26	Ex. 1:1-22, Mark 14:12-31
March 27	Ex. 2:1-22, Mark 14:32-52
March 28	Ex. 2:23-3:22, Mark 14:53-72
March 29	Ex. 4:1-18, Mark 15:1-15
March 30	Ex. 4:19-31, Mark 15:16-32
March 31	Ex. 5:1-6:1, Mark 15:33-47

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION...

BIBLE STUDY... Wednesdays at 10am at the fellowship hall. Lent Services to follow.

LWML... Saturday, March 4 @ 10am.

RECITAL... As has been publicized the past few weeks, Sunday, March 5, our organist, Dale Stanton will offer a Lenten recital under the theme, ***Love Divine! A Festival of Hymns Celebrating God's Love***. The program consists of improvisations on hymns which all contain the word ***love*** in the title, in reference to God's love in Christ Jesus. 2:00 at the church. Hope you'll attend and bring a guest!

EASTER CHOIR... Is anyone interested in forming an ad hoc choir for Easter, April 9? If so, please indicate your interest by putting your name on the sheet in the church narthex. Two short rehearsals will be held after the Service on March 26 and April 2.

MUSIC NOTES... Throughout March, the Sunday morning pre-service Voluntaries will consist of time-honored African-American Spirituals befitting the Lenten season. We owe a debt of gratitude to our brothers and sisters in the faith who have left such a rich legacy of hymnody to the Church.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS... March 12, following the church service.

EAST TN ZONE RETREAT... if anyone is interested in joining us on April 1st at the East TN Zone Retreat, let Laurie Smith know by March 15th. The topic is "Dealing with Mental Illness".

DONATIONS... Mooresburg Community Center is in need of BIG cans of veggies! Cash is also appreciated.