

Compelled by the love of Christ, St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School seek to reach out to our families, community and world, using Law and Gospel to make disciples, growing and nurturing them in their Christian faith and life.

*Third Sunday in Lent
Lutheran Girl Pioneer Sunday
March 7 & March 8, 2010*

We Welcome You! — To our friends who know us, we renew our welcome. To first time visitors, we extend our sincere greeting and to those who seek a church home, we offer fellowship with the living Savior. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Schultz, Pastor Schmidt and to others. We ask that everyone here today would sign our attendance record found in each pew during the offering. Please take a moment to greet one another and worship with us again soon.

Focus of Worship — Think of the devastating results of recent natural disasters. Is God punishing certain people as though they are greater sinners? When suffering affects you, do you wonder "Is God punishing me for a specific sin?" Tragedies and hardships remind us this world is infected with sin. God calls us all to repent and trust in Him for eternal life.

Our Order of Worship — "Service of the Word" on Page 38

10:30 Worship – Lutheran Girl Pioneers "Lutheran Girl Pioneers Hymn"

Opening Hymn 339 "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

Confession and Absolution (Page 38, front of Hymnal)

Prayer and Praise (remain standing to sing) Hymn 120 "What Wondrous Love"

Prayer of the Day Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sings) Amen.

The First Lesson

Exodus 3:1-8b-10-15

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain." Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.' " God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation. NIV

Psalm 38 (Page 81, front of Hymnal)

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert. Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry." We should not commit

sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. We should not test the Lord, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. NIV

The Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' " 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' " NIV

Response: "Praise be to you, O Christ!"

8:00 Worship – Lutheran Girl Pioneers "Lutheran Girl Pioneers Hymn"

Hymn of the Day 307 "Wondrous Are Your Ways, O God"

Message from God's Word: Luke 13:1-9

"Heed Christ's call to Repent!"

- 1) **Live each day in repentant faith.**
 - a. The assumption: The Galileans were guilty of great sin.
 - b. Jesus' warning: "Unless you repent, you too will all perish!"
Jesus continues to warn us today. Repentance is a "change of mind".

- 2) **Live each day bearing the fruits of repentant faith.**
 - a. Jesus' parable describes God's patience.
 - b. Jesus' parable describes God's just judgment.
What fruits of faith can you offer your loving Savior?

We Confess Our Faith The Apostles' Creed (Page 41, front of Hymnal)

The Offering & Friendship Registers

The Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer (Pages 42 and 43, front of Hymnal)

Blessing (Page 44, front of Hymnal)

Closing Hymn 367 "Christ Be My Leader"

Dismissal: At the close of service today we'll review the way we'll receive the Lord's Supper in March for our trial of "continuous communion." For our dismissal, we'll usher you out down the center aisle and then back out through the side aisles to allow you to "walk through" the way we'll distribute the elements of the Lord's Supper on March 14 & 28.

Serving God and Us Today

Worship Leader: Pastor Daniel Schmidt

Preacher: Pastor Jonathan Schultz

Organist: Char Bouche'

Usher Captains: (8:00 a.m.) Harold Redfield (10:30 a.m.) Chad Lauersdorf
(Monday) Rick Jorgenson

Greeters: (8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.) Lutheran Girl Pioneers

Worship Music: (8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.) Lutheran Girl Pioneers directed by Betty Morgan and accompanied by Nicole Italiano

Upcoming Usher Teams:

Wednesday, March 10, 2010 (4:00p.m.) James Bence (7:00p.m.) Greg Thurow

Sunday, March 14, 2010 (8:00a.m.) Joel Watson (10:30a.m.) Eric Ziel

Monday, March 15, 2010 (7:00p.m.) Larry Johnson

Next Sunday – Daylight Savings Time begins Don't forget to "Spring Ahead!"

Next Week's Message: Think about the last time you lost something. You searched and searched, and finally found what was lost! Remember the joy you had when you finally found what you were searching for? Next week, as Jesus teaches us with the "Parable of the Lost Son" we will rejoice in the Good News that the lost has been found!

Bible Hour Helpers have been supplying us with wonderful treats for our fellowship hour between church services. A sign-up sheet has been passed around at our Adult Bible Study for volunteers willing to supply cookies/bars and juice. Listed below are the Bible hour helpers that have volunteered for the month of March. Volunteers please feel free to contact the other two ladies on your specific Sunday to see what the other person is bringing. Thank you to everyone who has so graciously agreed to supply us with these refreshments. If you would like to sign-up or have any questions please contact Amy Bence at abence@smls.org or 262-567-2418, ext. 32.

March March 14, 2010 – Michelle Cox, Evelyn Behrend and Marlene Miller
 March 21, 2010 – Thekla Schneider, Liz Rupnow and Elsie Lemke
 March 28, 2010 – Laura Wittenburg, Kristal Widmar and Pat Porter

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Bible Study 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Adult and Teen Study – Fellowship Center: Join us as we continue our study of “God’s Record of Beginnings.” Many expect that somehow man will perfect this world and usher in a utopian existence where there is no pain or suffering. Join us today to learn the Lord allows the consequences of sin to be felt in this world – that we seek Him for the rescue from this world through His promises of salvation in Jesus.

Congregational Assistant’s Sunday Bible Study is changed to March 21. Tony Grant will lead this study, introducing the curriculum and blessings of the WELS Congregational Assistants’ Bible study program. Whether studying for a certification or to grow in grace and knowledge through this curriculum, you’ll be interested to learn about the program.

Bible Information Class continues today. We’ll meet in one of the classrooms on the 2nd floor of our school.

Sunday Bible School (ages 3-year-olds through 7th Grade) 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. We’ll meet in the school gym for an opening devotion and then go to our classrooms for our study of God’s Word.

Monday Bible Study is offered on Mondays, 8:00 – 8:30 p.m. for those who are unable to attend on Sundays. We’ll repeat the study from Sunday morning.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets in the Fireside Room at 6:30 a.m. Come and join us!

Women in the Word Bible Study continues this Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. We invite all our women to join us for spiritual growth, fellowship, and a time of intercessory prayer.

Eastern Religions Bible Study continues with Taoism this week. Please join us as we explore how to witness to those who hold to these beliefs and learn of true hope in Christ. We meet Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

Bible Information Class

Members – this is a great chance to review the main teachings of God’s Word (and invite an unchurched friend to learn with you so they too understand the reason for your joy and hope in Christ).

Guests or Inquirers – it’s a great chance to learn the truths God revealed through His sacred writers – and ultimately revealed through His Son Jesus, without obligation to join our congregation, but with the opportunity to become a communing member when the classes are finished. Whether learning for the first time or reviewing for the 100th, we’re always blessed when we study, discuss, and apply these core foundational teachings to our faith and life.

Saturday Bible Information Class meets 10:00a.m. – Noon for 8 sessions. This week’s topic will be “The Holy Christian Church.” Join us to learn why there are so many churches and why we’re thankful to continue in God’s Word and watch out for false teaching.

Men’s Bible Study

Saturday, March 13th

Breakfast served from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Bible Study & Fellowship from 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Join us as we review the two great *PASSIONS* of our Savior Jesus.

God be with you till we meet again

Dead Sea Scrolls Bible Study – April 11th Retired seminary Professor Jeske will be guest presenter at our Bible study on the Dead Sea Scrolls, Sunday, April 11th. He had been to Jerusalem to see the Dead Sea Scrolls during his seminary teaching days. Professor Jeske was one of the Old Testament translators of the NIV and has vast knowledge of the importance of the Dead Sea Scrolls, so he’ll give a very fitting presentation during our Bible class. On Sunday, March 21st a free will offering will be taken in the Bible class as a thank you to Professor Jeske.

Lenten Dinners - We will again be serving Lenten dinners. With 2 church services we will start the serving at 5:00 p.m. Please bear with the groups if they are not quite ready at the end of the first service as church may get over earlier than 5:00 p.m. This is great fellowship and you don't have to cook or do dishes when you get home. The groups serving are as follows:

Special Free will offering for Grenada Bibles at March 10th Lent Dinner Our Lutheran Boy Pioneers are hosting this chili and sandwich supper. They're dedicating all free will offerings collected from this Lenten Meal to purchase Bibles that will be given to Vacation Bible School participants at Grace Lutheran Church (WELS) in Grenada. Any extra Bibles will be given to Adult Bible Study participants at Grace Lutheran Church in Grenada. The Bibles will be distributed during a Mission Trip with Wisconsin Lutheran College this summer by a current St. Matthew's member. Anyone considering this gift needs to know that Grenadians faith walk tends to fall into two categories. The first are sustained in faith through listening to God's word but would further benefit from having it in their grasp. The second are those who have heard the word but need to study and witness God's love and forgiveness. Thank you for considering this offer to share and spread the Gospel to God's Little Lambs in Grenada.

March 17th – Lutheran Girl Pioneers – BBQ sandwiches

March 24th - ACTS group - Pizza Hut pizza and salad

April 4th – EASTER BREAKFAST - starts at 7 a.m. served by Ladies' Guild.

WELS Mission Work on the Island of Grenada One of our members, Lorybeth Green, will be teaching Vacation Bible School at our mission in Grenada with a group of teachers from Wisconsin Lutheran College. They desire to give Bibles to the children and to any adult family members that don't have a Bible. We're making available the opportunity for you to participate in this mission effort through an offering for the Bibles. The total cost is about \$1,500. The Bibles will be purchased through Northwestern Publishing House and sent via ship after April 1. If you wish to participate in this offering, please make your check to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Note "Grenada Mission Bibles" in the memo section. Please drop it off at the church office. You may view pictures from the 2008 mission trip in the church office and write a dedication for one of the Bibles as well. God bless every effort to proclaim and spread His saving Gospel!

New Deadline for Sunday Bulletin Materials Bulletin materials will now be due on Tuesday evenings at 9:00 p.m. instead of Wednesday mornings.



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