

The Grapevine

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR:

Lent is coming. It's coming quicker than most years. We've just celebrated the great gift of the incarnation with all that it has to give and then the season of Epiphany where the Lord announces that it is for the whole world. And now already on February 13th, Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday. Lent is not like Christmas. It's not the "happiest time of the year." We receive ashes on our foreheads, put away our Alleluias for six weeks, adorn the church with purple, and contemplate the cross of our Lord.

During this time, some people will decide to give up something for this penitential season. Sometimes people may decide to give up chocolate or soda or some other thing that may be getting a little more time in our lives than we think. I've also heard of people deciding to take something new on during Lent like helping at a homeless shelter or some other service to a neighbor.

These can all be good practices and of course, are not requirements for the Christian faith. But the reason that we may do them is not in order to match ourselves up to Christ's suffering in a small way. Nor are they good for the sake of making ourselves feel bad enough and/or make up for our abuse of these things in the past year. Nor should they be seen as an opportunity for us to be much more pious than we are the rest of the year. No, the reason why these may be good practices is because we are a people who rely solely on the grace of our Lord. It is an opportunity to repent of our desires to put the things of this world before our Lord. It is a time to reflect on the fact that our sin goes much deeper than the overindulgence of chocolate. It is a practice for rooting out sin and for trusting that it is not we who provide for ourselves, but our loving Father in Heaven: The loving Father who so loved the world that He sent us His only Son so that all who believe in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Lent is not a pretty time of the year. It can be quite serious. But when the Lord points us to the end result of our sin under the Law on Good Friday, know that for we who have received grace upon grace, Easter is not far behind. Without Easter, Good Friday would only be gloom and doom. But without Good Friday, Easter would have no meaning at all. May the Lord bless your Lent with a simple reliance on the steadfast love of our Father in Heaven who has sent us His Son to die and to rise for us all.

Christ's Peace,

Pastor Rosebrock

LENTEN SEASON AT FAITH

You are invited to a unique visual experience in connection with our seasonal worship for Lent. Pastor Rosebrock will paint a picture with something new added during each service, to illustrate God's great love for us. All are welcome!

Ash Wednesday – 7:30 PM

February 13

He Bore our Mortality

Sundays in Lent – 10:00 AM

February 17

He Bore our Greatest Temptations

February 24

He Bore Our World's Rejection

March 3

He Bore Our Sin in Patience

March 10

He Bore Our Impurity

March 17

He Bore Our Hostility

Holy Week

March 24

Palm/Passion Sunday – 10:00 AM

He Bore Our Crown

March 28 - Maundy Thurs. – 7 PM

He Bore Our Fear

March 29 - Good Friday – 7 PM

He Bore Our Death

March 31

Easter Sunday – 10:00 AM

He Bears Our Life!

Fall/Winter 2012 Report

As this New Year begins, we of the LWML would like to express our sincere thanks to the congregation for their support of our projects in the last months of 2012:

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

With your gifts, we were able to send 3 boxes to help support the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces. Those boxes were mailed in hopes that they would arrive to the chaplain sometime during the holiday season. The personal hygiene items, food items, drink packages, socks and underwear items will be used in the chosen chaplain's ministry to our troops.

COOKIE FAIRE

With the exception of a few cookies donated to the tree trimming/church-decorating event, our 20th Annual Cookie Faire was a sell out! We had many positive and wonderful comments from our faithful community visitors who again expressed their thanks to us for providing them with delicious and festive Christmas cookies.

Thank you to our faithful bakers for your hours of planning and labor. You make each Cookie Faire possible. With the funds raised and with the supplemental funds we received from Thrivent, we will be able to support a number of mission projects, one of which will be the Lutheran Malaria Initiative.

LWML Offers Early Discount Registration for 2013 Convention

Registration for the 35th Biennial LWML Convention to be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 27-30, 2013, will open on February 1, 2013. For the first time, early discounted registration is offered for registration entered online, or postmarked by March 14, 2013. See the Lutheran Women's Quarterly or go to www.lwml.org

Plans for this season 2013 . . .

SERVE A KID, FEED A FAMILY – February 10

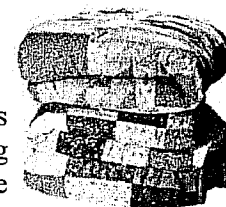
As in the past several years, Orphan Grain Train California-Arizona-Nevada Branch is asking for our support. Last year we provided "undies" on Undie Sunday.



This year we are being asked to provide rice and beans on Sunday, February 10 to help in their ministries to children and families of Building Generations in Tijuana, Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso, plus other mission areas. Their request is for **rice and beans in 6 to 10 lb. packages.** (For example, one family shopping at Costco bought a 10-pound bag of rice for \$3.79 and a 10-pound bag of beans for \$7.89.) All items collected will be taken to the LWML District Board meeting in March where the Orphan Grain Train representatives will be on hand to accept all donations. Look for the container by the LWML table at the church entrance to deposit all donations.

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILT CAMPAIGN 2013:
Tied in Faith.**

Sent in Hope.
Wrapped in Love.



Faith LWML is excited about being a part of this campaign to make and gather 500,000 quilts during 2013. Our meeting dates in February and April will be dedicated to **making quilts** and we are hoping that will have lots of volunteers from the congregation come out to help us. There are **no special skills needed** and our guest quilter for these two dates, Cheryl Freet of Stitchin' for Missions, assures us that there will be a job for everyone. There will be a need for persons to cut, sew, and tie; and Cheryl will bring all of the supplies. We've invited women from Gethsemane Lutheran and Mt. Olive Lutheran to join us. Men are also welcome.

WHEN: Saturday February 23 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
 Saturday April 27 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Bring a morning snack to share (fruit, juice, a sweet), your own lunch, and your Mite Box. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Even if you are not an LWML "regular", we hope that you will give serious thought to joining us for one or both of these dates. Be Christ's hands for 500,000 people in need around the world!

Questions? Call Katherine in the church office or Candy Baker at 818-352-6821.

Note: There will be no regular meeting on the fourth Monday in February or April. The quilting session will be our meeting. ■

Look for your copy of the Lutheran Women's Quarterly magazine at the LWML table at the church entrance.

Mite Box Sunday is always the fourth Sunday of the month. Mites may also be brought to any LWML meeting.

KFUO Radio is a listener-supported broadcast of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Visit www.kfuo.org for information on streaming programs through the internet. ■

THE LUTHERAN HOUR radio program may be heard locally on radio station KKLA, 99.5 FM on Sunday mornings at 7:00 A.M. Visit www.LHM.org for other information on the outreach of Lutheran Hour Ministries. ■

OFFICERS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES OF THE CONGREGATION

The following have been elected in the Voters Assembly Jan. 13, 2013 to the offices indicated for 2013:

Executive Board:

President	James J. Lovell
Vice President	(Office Vacant)
Secretary	Elizabeth Petta
Treasurer	Katherine Galbo
Financial Secretary *	Rita Christine, Tom Hauver, David Petta,

Worship Elder: James J. Lovell. (Pastor may appoint other Elders as needed.)

Board of Properties:* Andrew Faulstich, Virgil Klemm, David Petta

Boards of Education, Sunday School & Youth: (Boards Vacant)

Board of Evangelism: Jake Dameron

Board of Stewardship: Ingeborg Saxe

Representative to the Concordia Schools Association (formerly LALHS Assoc.) Mary Luening, David Petta, Pastor Rosebrock

Spiritual Life & Worship Committee: Pastor Rosebrock

Hospitality Committee:* Mairily Craig, Carol Dameron, Delores Durant, Mary Luening, Elizabeth Petta

Welfare and Outreach Committee: Pastor Rosebrock and Total Church Family

Fund Raiser Coordinator:* Jake Dameron, James Lovell

*Listings with multiple names are in alphabetical order and do not indicate the chairperson. Please meet and select a chairperson for the year.

BUDGET FOR 2013

Income

Pledged Offerings.....	\$ 52,388
Other Gifts & Offerings.....	4,800
Fundraisers & Misc	3,550
Rents.....	44,550
Total Income.....	\$105,288

Expense

Outreach Beyond the Congregation.	\$ 3,150
Pastoral Support*	29,200
Worship Expense*	10,200
Witness & Publicity.....	400
Stewardship.....	440
Christian Growth & Youth.....	520
Hospitality & Welfare	75
Church Administration*	39,280
Properties*	69,870
Total Expense.....	\$140,215

Expected shortfall: \$34,927
(This is the amount needed in additional Offerings, Gifts, Funds raised and/or Rents to cover expected expenses for 2013.)

*Line item includes Salaries plus other expenses. The church employs the Pastor, Accompanist(s), Office Administrator, and Custodian.



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