CLARION

FEBRUARY 2019

FROM THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD WEBSITE

LCMS History



Founded in 1847

The roots of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod trace back to 1847, when Saxon and other German immigrants established a new church body in America, seeking the freedom to practice and follow confessional Lutheranism.

Initial members, which included 12 pastors representing 14 congregations from Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Michigan, New York and Ohio, signed the church body's constitution on April 26, 1847, at First Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Chicago, Ill.

Originally named The German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and Other States, the name was shortened to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in 1947 on the occasion of our 100th anniversary.

Over the years, hundreds of books chronicling the Synod's rich history have been written. One of the most comprehensive is *Zion on the Mississippi*.

The First President

The Rev. Dr. C.F.W. Walther (Oct. 25, 1811 – May 7, 1887) served as the first president of the church body. As a young pastor, Walther joined the Saxon Germans who immigrated to the United States in 1839, and, at only 27 years old, he was the leader of the group that settled in Perry County, Mo.

Dr. Walther played a key role in the founding of the LCMS in 1847, and he served as the church body's first president, holding office from 1847 to 1850 and again from 1864 to 1878.

Walther presided over the young Synod, leading its growth through the years of the great migration of German immigrants. He served as president of Concordia Seminary from 1850 to 1887, and he was editor of *Der Lutheraner*, a leading magazine of the day that reached Confessional Lutherans across the country.

Today, Walther is revered as the leading Lutheran theologian of his time, and he's fondly known as the "Father of the Missouri Synod."

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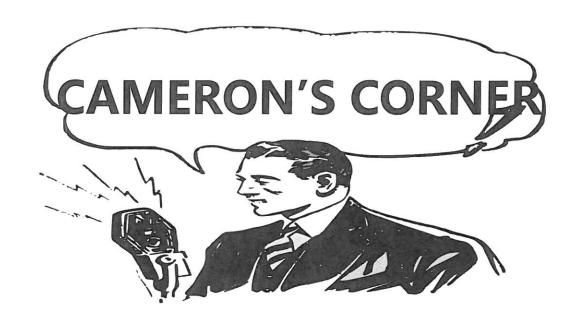


2019 is off to a rambunctious start! We have already been skiing by the time you read this. We have our make up Progressive Dinner on the 9th of February and the Sr High LinkT Retreat is the weekend after that. There is still time to sign up for Progressive dinner and the Sr High Retreat, just talk to Cameron.

National Youth Gathering plans are going well. We still need to fund raise some more so please come out and support us. The youth are very excited for this adventure up north and it is going to be awesome.

Our Senior High meets Wednesday nights so if you are in Senior High and in town, come say high!

God Bless.



How do you say I Love You? Besides the 'easy' way, with your voice, how do you let someone know you love them? Maybe you buy them a box a chocolates so they never know what they are gonna get? Or are flowers more your thing because you forget until Valentines Day when you walk into a store and all you see is red and pink everywhere and panic. That's never been me...it's happened to a friend of mine...

God is very clear what love looks like in 1 Corinthians He says "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away." I know we have all heard that so much we tune it out. But imagine for a second, if your relationships were more like the one described here in Corinthians. No one keeping score about who did the dishes last, kids not talking smack behind their parents back and vice versa, and no one takes the last of the ice cream without sharing.

This verse has, unfortunately, become too often a nice sentiment we say at weddings when our affection, attraction, and bond has never been higher. But it should be something we read and try to live when we are weary, strained, about to lash out at the next dumb thing our teenager says. When that affection and attraction that was once so potent, is hard to feel. When there is no more ice cream in the freezer. That is when we need these words.

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Happy Valentines Day,



5 Steve & Lane Moeller

6 Don & Reatha Bracht

Emma Lehenbauer

7 Madeline Dodge

8 Caitlan Steeby

7 Leyland & Dolores Hermes

14 Melvin & Rebecca Kvamso

John & Amilda Sporleder

20 Fred & Shirley Lewis

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FOOD PANTRY STATISTICS

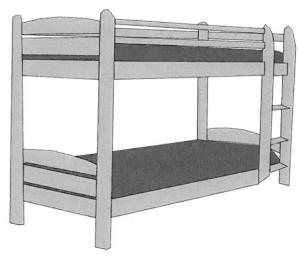
NEW AND RETURNING FAMILIES 40

These families comprise 170 Individuals, 72 children, 15 senior citizens, with the balance being adult family members.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.
YOUR NEIGHBORS APPRECIATE IT.

OUTREACH

The Outreach Ministry Team conducted a survey last Fall. We combined the results of that survey with the results of the recent survey that members responded to in regards to a new pastor and have come up with THREE 'focus areas' for 2019. They are: Children, Hunger (local), and Charities (local). The Outreach Ministry team's goal is to sponsor at least one outreach opportunity a month for our church focused on at least one of these three things. We will do our best to have a variety of opportunities so everyone can participate as they are able.



In February, we are teaming up with our own Journeymen Group as well as Sleep In Heavenly Peace – Bentonville to build bunks beds for children in NWAR that are currently sleeping on the floor. The build date is Saturday, February 23rd from 9am until 1pm. We will need at least 10 volunteers to help. The cost of this build is \$1,750 which covers supplies, mattresses, bed-

ding, pillows, and liability insurance among other things. This cost will be covered by the Outreach Ministry Team's budget. If you would like to make a donation to this event, please place it in the offering plate marked "Bunk Bed Build". If you would like to learn more about Sleep In Heavenly Peace, please visit their website: www.shpbeds.org. Watch for additional details in future News and Notes as well as the Clarion. If you have any questions, please see an Outreach Ministry Team member – Casey Bolte or Dave Lehenbauer.

WHAT'S UP?

HISPANIC MINISTRY needs your help! Want to make a difference in your community? We do that. Every Monday and Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 we offer both a beginning and an intermediate English as a Second Language class for free to anyone who wants to come. We make friends for life and help to improve our friends' lives by teaching them English and loving them. We have 13 students this semester and need your help! Please contact **Peggy Jones** at 479-633-2050 if you have an hour or so to spare each week. We can put you right to work!!



SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE – BENTONVILLE is a local chapter of a national charity (Sleep in Heavenly Peace). SHP started as a small act of kindness one Christmas in a garage in Idaho Falls over six years ago. Thanks to some attention from Mike Rowe and his show, Returning The Favor, SHP has

grown into a nationwide charity with over 127 chapters in 39 states. Their motto is "No kid sleeps on the floor in our town". Their mission is to provide top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need. SHP – Bentonville became a local chapter last Fall. In that short amount of time in 2018, they gave away over 70 beds! They currently have over 130 requests for beds outstanding with no beds in their inventory – they gave away their last bunk on Christmas Eve.

The **Outreach Ministry Team** along with the **Journeymen** group are partnering with SHP – Bentonville to build 5-7 bunks. This means ten to fourteen LOCAL children will be off of the floor! Our build date is scheduled for Saturday, February 23rd from 9am to 1pm. We need 10 volunteers to help build the bunks. No experience is necessary! SHP – Bentonville provides all of the supplies, all of the tools, and all of the know-how! We plan to use a Thrivent Action Team to provide snacks and water. If you would like to volunteer to help, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you know of a local family sleeping on the floor/couch, please contact a member of the Outreach Ministry Team or Journeymen. The beds we build can be delivered to families we choose if we know of the need in advance.

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DIRECTORY UPDATES

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PINOCHLE CARDS



Wow! Look at that, FEBRUARY already and the first Friday of February is Pinochle time! Will you be ready to play cards? Hope so. We will once again setup starting at 6:00 pm and begin playing at 6:30. Ron surprised us with his presence last month and word has it Surgery went well. He is in rehab in Centerton. Pray everyone else is doing fine. See you on February 1st.

Serving in FEBRUARY 2019

		February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24	
Greeters		Ken & Pat Rader	Elaine Launderville & Vernon Schmiegelow	LB & Ila Teeter Ray Eschenburg & Karen Launderville		
	10:45am	Bob & Gerri Jennings	Brent & Libby Garner	Lisa & Mike Nelson	Amy & Duane Wright	
Readers	8:00am	Mary Frevert	Leyland Hermes	Karen Launderville	John Jenkins	
10:45an		Cameron Pullmann	Jeanne Meyer	Pam Pickett	Bob Jennings	
Video	8:00am	David Heintz	David Heintz	Sabrina Isbell	Stephany Franco	
	10:45am	Eric Kerr	Dave Lehenbauer	Liam Scott	Evan Wright	
Acolyte	8:00am	Reanna Dunlap	Jena Eisma	Abigail Tang	Owen Winters	
200	10:45am	Landen Kerr	Zachart Gust	Ellie Griffin	Levi Wright	
Lead Counters		David & Connie Heintz	David & Connie Heintz	David & Connie Heintz	David & Connie Heintz	
Counters		Von & Phyllis Von Holdt	Herb & Shirley Bernthal	Ken & Pat Rader	Phil Garling & Beth Kikoen	
Lawn Care		Team #2	Team #3	Team #4	Team #5	
		February 1	February 8	February 15	February 22	
Office Helpers		Jan Emmons &	Norman & Helen Jones	Libby Garner &	Herb & Shirley Bernthal	
		Eva Jean Beck		Karen Launderville	Libby Garner, Emily Jenkins	
					Norman & Helen Jones	

SERVING ALL MONTH

Mary Mayer & Mary Frevert **ALTAR GUILD**

8:00am Dave Ferguson **ELDERS**

10:45am Jim Williams

8:00am Team E **USHERS**

Dave Frevert, Dean Eisma, Clayton Studyvin, Ken Rader, Tommy Byrd

Dave Lehenbauer, Matt Bolte, Leroy Meyer, Evan Wright, Liam Scott, Duane Wright 10:45am Team F

FEBRUARY 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 1pm-Assemble Bulletin 6:30pm—Pinochle Cards	2
FEED MY SHEEP 8:00am— Communion 9:30am— Education Hour 9:30am—Handbell Choir 10:45am—Communion	Cameron's Day Off 11:30am—Outreach Team 6:30pm Elder's Meeting 6:30pm ESL (Classroom 1)	5:30pm- Education Team	12pm-Staff Meeting 12pm-News & Notes Due 6:30pm ESL (Classroom 1) 6:30pm Head to Heart	7	8 1pm-Assemble Bulletin	Youth Progressive Dinner
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OUR MISSION

The mission of Holy Trinity is to:

SPREAD God's Grace GROW in Christ
CARE for Others



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