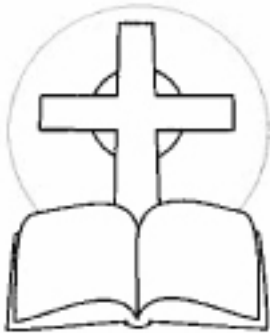


Love of Christ Lutheran Church

LOVE NOTES

March, April & May 2020



NEWS FROM PASTOR GENE HASSELQUIST

There is a special joy in looking forward to Easter. We know that Jesus is the focal point

of our faith, as his love was so intense that the cross never caused him to deviate from God's will. Easter is the time when the power of evil was made powerless forever. How grateful should we be?

Also realize that you and I are at the heart of Easter also. It was for us that Jesus gave his life that we might have his eternal life too. In a spiritual sense, we are the heart of the Easter event. It was for us that the angels proclaimed, "He is risen and is going before you".

When Jesus lives in our hearts, we feel his power and we respond with joy. A joy that results in a determination to honor him with our life. Everything we do is to his honor as we express our gratitude to him.

It is our prayer that this Lenten Season will help us see the Love of God in action as the mid-week services will center their attention on the "I Am" quotations as found in Holy Scripture. Arrange your schedule so you can attend these services and be blessed.

Together we serve the Lord.

A WORD FROM SHIRLEY NELSON

The time is nearing for our Winter Friends to begin packing and heading to their other homes. They will be greatly missed as they participate in our congregational/mission work in so many ways:

- By being Lectors, Ushers
- Communion Assistants;
- Repairing bicycles;
- Unpacking boxes;
- Baking cookies;
- Buying gifts;
- Making quilts, shawls
- And prayer squares, etc;
- Leading Bible Studies.

We appreciate their attendance and helping hands, wish them safe travels but say "hurry back"! Working together makes our congregation at Love of Christ very special. May we all continue in our mission of LOVE and LOVE one another.



WIND

March is here and so is the wind, we have learned to expect. We cannot control, capture, or change the wind in any manner. But what is wind anyway?

Research states it this way--Wind is the movement of air relative to the surface of the earth. Wind is an important factor in determining and controlling climate and weather. It is also the generating force of most ocean and freshwater waves. Wind occurs because of horizontal and vertical differences in atmospheric pressure. The main types of winds are: Planetary winds, Trade winds, the westerlies, Periodic winds (Monsoon winds, Land breeze, Sea breeze, mountain and valley breeze) and local winds.

The scriptures have over 100 references to the wind. Many times the wind is an illustration of the Holy Spirit.

1 Kings 19:11-13 Then he (Elijah) was told, "Go, stand on the mountain at attention before GOD. GOD will pass by." A hurricane wind ripped through the mountains and shattered the rocks before GOD, but GOD wasn't to be found in the wind; after the wind an earthquake, but GOD wasn't in the earthquake; and after the earthquake fire, but GOD wasn't in the fire; and after the fire a gentle and quiet whisper. When Elijah heard the quiet voice, he muffled his face with his great cloak, went to the mouth of the cave, and stood there.

Do we sometimes expect the Spirit to come to us like the roaring wind, but instead comes in a quite whisper.

A POET WROTE:

I woke in the night,
The wind was pawing at my shutters,
With his wild prancing hoofs.
The swishing of his tail lashed the trees
into the roof.
The shriek of his neighing was as a
siren,
Announcing all the fires of hell.
The sound of his going was all the
engines
Of earth rushing to extinguish them.
I cowered under the covers with wildly
beating heart
Then—the truth came to my mind.
God rides that wind
He holds the reins by the arms of His
might
He guides those curveting hoofs aright.
The flying black Pegasus of the night,



NEWS FROM SOCIAL OUTREACH

RUNN SCHOOL/SHARING PLACE

We have finished unpacking boxes and stocking shelves at Runn School. Thank you to all who supported this ministry...it takes many willing hands and hearts to fill so great a need. We will no longer be going to the Sharing Place on specified Mondays. Thank you again so very much for your support and prayers. We look forward to doing it all over again next Fall!

SPRING FLING

March 5 the evening for the Spring Fling held at the Villa Cortez. As the guests entered the room they were able to view all the silent auction items and decide which items they wish to bid on. They were able to bid on quilts, peanut brittle, a hand carved lamp, punch bowl and many other items too numerous to list, while listening to polka music played by accordionist John Kujda.

After dinner had been served, Pastor Gene Hasselquist conducted the service for the evening. Following the service Pastor Gene



was honored by the Mayor of Donna, Rick Morales, for all the things Pastor Gene has done for Runn School.

Following this presentation a live auction was held with Don Van Deest as auctioneer then the names of the silent auction winners was read.



I wish to again thank everyone for coming and sharing their evening with, all who donated items for the auctions, for purchasing items and for their donations. I also want to give a big thank you to all who helped set up the items for the silent auction and who helped in any other way. I know if I tried to name everyone, I would forget someone.



Without your help I couldn't have gotten things done.

Teona Henry

AURORA HOUSE SHOWER

Love of Christ and John Knox Village team up each year to do a supply shower for Aurora House. The shower will begin the last week in February and run through the last day of March. The supply box, brochures, and needs list are available in the overflow room.

Aurora House is a hospice facility located in Weslaco. The patients are NOT charged to stay there. They operate entirely on donations of money, food, paper goods, adult diapers, and other needed items. Goodwill Offering Jars are located in the back of the sanctuary where you are invited to drop in your loose change or bills after

the service on Sunday. All of this money goes to the Aurora House to help with their costs and we have been told by a member of our congregation that donations are down this year and there is GREAT need.

Lou Vitek

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all the people who have volunteered over the winter months as lecturers, ushers and communion assistants. Your dedicated service and help to Pastor Sylvia De La Garza each Sunday morning is most appreciated.

The sign-up sheets for the upcoming month are always in the Fellowship Hall. You are needed !!

Dean Garnett

W-ELCA

A Look Ahead to April 2020. *Gather* will feature the final session of "We are called!" by the Reverend Dr. Kathryn A. Kleinhans: Session 4: "Calling networks" will examine how we can help one another discern God's call for our lives.

Sharon Newcomer

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

If you, a loved one or friend would benefit by receiving a Prayer Shawl, made with love and prayers, contact Cathy Johnson by text or call at: 772-834-1845. You can also make your request known to Jerry Shields.

We have many beautiful shawls ready to be wrapped around someone's shoulders. These shawls mean a lot to the recipients I thought

I would share with you just a few comments:

"I received your gorgeous, comforting shawl today in the mail. I put it on and could feel all the love, comfort and prayers as it wrapped my shoulders."

"What a beautiful work! The prayer shawl given is just so beautiful & knowing prayer is the theme is even more. My God bless your hands, your heart, your ministry."

"This is one of the nicest things anyone has ever done for me. Thank you, Mark Lindell"



When you have time all of the thank you cards are in albums on the Prayer Shawl table, take a look they will warm your heart.

Cathy Johnson and Jerry Shields

PRAYER CHAIN

Love of Christ has a faithful and strong working Prayer Chain. If you wish to be included as a Prayer, or if you have a prayer request, please text or email. Anne Baker: 956-929-0260 lthspopic2@sbcglobal.net

SUNDAY PARKING

Parking is available each Sunday morning in the McCaleb Funeral Home parking area to the Southwest of the church. We appreciate their kindness in sharing their property with us. Please remember to NOT block the open space between the ally and the parking lot.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING FOR:

Carrie Anderson (cousin of Dean Garnett), **Eloy Avila III, Reb & Heather Baker** (son and daughter-in-law of Will & Anne Baker), **Ethan Bowen** (brother of John Bowen), **John Bowen, Bill Brandt**(Faith Lutheran Church) **Arllys & Harold Buland, Renate Chamberlain, Thelma Dutenhoeffer Geoffrey** (grandson of Lee and Mary Nelson), **Greg Gieseke, Teona Henry, Charles Hubbell** (brother-in-law of Dean & Marilyn Garnett) **Rosalinda Huerta** (sister of Maria Mendoza), **Carole Kangas, Vince & Arlene Lange, The Family of Harold Laursen, Donna Lidtke, Dorothea Malloy** (sister of Bill Brandt), **Maria Mendoza, Anita Nelson, Evelyn Nelson, John Peterson** (father of Pat Winter), **H. Shannon Phillips** (Visitor), **Ed Puder, Sidney Pugh** (granddaughter of John & Shirley Bowen), **Ann Round** (friend of Maria Mendoza), **Ryan Rounds** (son of Marilyn Rounds), **Sandford Sill, Staff and children of Runn School, Don Van Deest, Bruce Weidner** (Mary Ann Mudge's son-in-law), **Jean Wiedenfeld, Elaine Wisely** (daughter of Lou Vitek), **and people experiencing violence in their lives.**

2020 Church Council

Shirley Nelson, President

Don Van Deest, Associate Member at Large

Jon Schwartz, Vice President

C.B. Shields, Finance

Sec./Property/Stewardship

Laruen Coyle, Treasurer

Teona Henry, Social Ministries and Outreach

Jo Coyle, Secretary

Dean Garnett,

Music/Worship/Discipleship/Prayer

REMAINING LENTEN SERVICES

March 18th 4:30 p.m. Wednesday
Pastor Gene Hasselquist

March 25th 4:30 p.m. Wednesday
Pastor Steve Herzberg

April 1st 4:30 p.m. Wednesday
Pastor Bev Wolff

April 9th 4:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday
Pastor Sylvia De La Garza*

April 10th 12:30 p.m. Good Friday
Pastor Sylvia De La Garza

April 12th 11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday
Pastor Sylvia De La Garza*

*Holy Communion



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The church office hours are:

Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH	3	Chuck Somson
	10	Zoe Gray
	11	Bob Bradshaw Mike Shull
	15	Marion Johnson
	16	Norma Aspergren
	18	Shirley Rhodes
	20	Lauren Coyle Lou Vitek
	22	Darlene Bryant Rodger Olson
	23	Dave Kangas
	25	Linda Kirchhoff
	26	Julie Knutson
	28	Priscilla Christensen
	29	Derald Christensen Marilyn Garnett
APRIL	4	Barbara Puder
	5	Dave Steiner Richard Chandler
	11	Julie Cruise Gerald Lamson
	14	Samantha Mize
	16	Joe Moore
	24	Don Rilley
	26	Rod Karg
	27	Larry Johnson
	29	Alan Bonsen
MAY	7	Linda Aune
	8	Dick Nelson
	9	Ross Rounds
	10	Sharon Newcomer
	13	Jo Coyle Harold Buland
	14	Bev Wolff
	19	Martin Leer
	24	Jerry Kachur
	28	Mary Kachur
	29	Gail Pierce
	30	Jerry Aune Don Van Deest
	31	Adeline Olson Kathy Somson

ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH	6	Chuck & Kathy Somson
	8	Arlene & Vincent Lange
	21	Bev & Chuck Wolff
	31	Jo & Lauren Coyle
APRIL	6	Jerry & Linda Aune
	7	Carol & Jim Magruder
	9	Carole & Dave Kangas
	14	Barbara & Ed Puder Garry & Shirley Rhodes
	20	Katie & Marvin Leer
	21	Jeff & Marcy Shoemaker
	29	Cathy & Larry Johnson
MAY	10	C.B. & Jerry Shields
	23	Jerry & Mary Kachur

