



# well hello, march



## Servant Thoughts

Former president of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, Dr. Gerald Kieschnick shared the following in a weekly newsletter he writes. I found it to be very insightful. He notes that it was a good friend of his who posted it in Facebook

*Church is hard.*

- Church is hard for the person walking through the doors, afraid of judgement.*
- Church is hard for the pastor's family, under the microscope of an entire body.*
- Church is hard for the prodigal soul returning home, broken and battered by the world.*
- Church is hard for the girl who looks like she has it all together, but doesn't.*
- Church is hard for the couple who fought the entire way to the worship service.*
- Church is hard for the single mom next to couples holding hands and seemingly perfect families.*
- Church is hard for the widow and widower with no invitation to lunch after church.*
- Church is hard for the church leader with an estranged child.*
- Church is hard for the person singing worship songs, overwhelmed by the weight of the lyrics.*
- Church is hard for the man insecure in his role as a leader.*
- Church is hard for the wife who longs to be led by a righteous husband.*
- Church is hard for the nursery volunteer who desperately longs for a baby to love.*
- Church is hard for the single woman and single man, praying God will bring them a mate.*
- Church is hard for the teenage girl, wearing a scarlet letter, ashamed of her mistakes.*
- Church is hard for the sinners.*
- Church is hard for me.*

*It's hard because on the outside it all looks shiny and perfect. Sunday best in behavior and dress.*

*Yet underneath those layers, you find a body of imperfect people, carnal souls, selfish motives.*

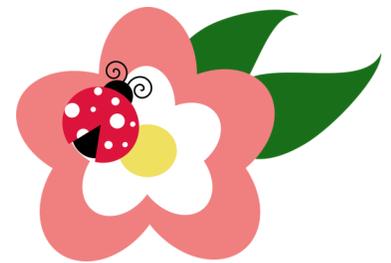
*But, here is the beauty of church—*

- Church isn't a building, mentality, or expectation.*
- Church is a body.*
- Church is a group of sinners, saved by grace, living in fellowship as saints.*
- Church is a body of believers bound as brothers and sisters by an eternal love.*
- Church is a holy ground where sinners stand as equals before the Throne of Grace.*
- Church is a refuge for broken hearts and a training ground for mighty warriors.*
- Church is a lesson in faith and trust.*
- Church is a bearer of burdens and a giver of hope.*
- Church is a converging of confrontation and invitation. Where sin is confronted and hearts are invited to seek restoration.*
- Church is a family. A family coming together, setting aside differences, forgetting past mistakes, rejoicing in the smallest of victories.*
- Church, the body, and the circle of sinners-turned-saints, is where Jesus resides.*

*So even on the hard days at church—the days when I'm at odds with a friend; when I've fought with my husband because we're late once again; when I've walked in, bearing burdens heavier than my heart can handle, yet masking the pain with a smile on my face; when I've longed for a baby to hold, or fought tears as the lyrics were sung; when I've walked back in, afraid and broken, after walking away; I'll remember. He has never failed to meet me there.*

In the service and love of Jesus,

Hebrews 13:20-21



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It's been a year now that we have been dealing with this plague of the COVID 19 virus. There are very few of us who have not been touched by the loss of a loved one to this terrible disease. I remember well how I had commented to Pastor Rob and others that I thought we were making a big deal out of something that was not much different than the annual flu. It didn't take me long to change my mind. What has happened this past year has changed everyone's lifestyle and it appears that we will never go back to our old ways of doing things. Fortunately, with the advent of the vaccines, we may soon be able to live without mortal fear of this disease.

But COVID 19 is not the only problem that is facing our country. This past year our country has become so divided politically that many feel we are on the brink of a civil war. Riots and destruction in almost every corner of our country, a hotly contested election, daily provocations coming from both sides of the political aisle and lack of respect for any type of authority makes one wonder where we are headed. In my visits with our elderly shut-ins, I learn that the future of our land is the number one concern on their minds. However, it isn't the elderly who are the only ones with this concern. It appears that most people I come in contact with have the same feelings. We soon come to realize that it is sin that is the root cause of all of these problems. Satan is having a proverbial "hay day".

Then we come to 2 Chronicles 7:14 (ESV) *if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.* These words were spoken to King Solomon by the Lord at the time of the dedication of the temple in Jerusalem. Those words have just as much significance for our times as they did back then. The sinfulness and corruption that I described above is nothing other than a drifting away from our God in our own arrogance and rebellion. It is time to return to the Lord our God. It has to begin with each of us.

On Ash Wednesday, we began a Lenten Series theme titled "Return to the Lord." The first Sermon was based of the words of Joel 2:13 (ESV) *Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.* Those words are so familiar to us as we often sing them as the verse before the reading of the Gospel lesson during the season of Lent. I don't remember a time in my lifetime that they had more meaning to me and I am sure you have the same feeling. I urge all of you to join us during this penitential season of Lent each week as we explore numerous methods of "Return to the Lord." Let us together humble ourselves and return.

Peace of the Lord be with you.

*Pastor Bill*

**Lutheran Hour Ministries**

**Nebraska District LLL**

**2021 Convention**

**Saturday - March 27, 2021**

Zion Lutheran Church/School  
645 S. Marion Rd - Hastings NE

Registration opens at 7:45 a.m.  
Convention begins at 9:15 a.m.  
closes with evening banquet,  
entertainment & keynote speaker

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler**

Speaker of **The Lutheran Hour®**

**NE LCMS District President**

**Rev. Richard Snow**

Preaching at Worship Service

Registration includes Saturday  
lunch & banquet

Zone 8 has planned an in-person  
as Zion has space for social  
distance - bring your masks!

Contact Jim Hersh for more  
registration information  
at 308-324-6108

◆ THRIVENT MEMBERS DID YOU HAVE CHOICE DOLLARS TO DESIGNATE LAST YEAR?? IF SO, YOU PROBABLY HAVE THEM AGAIN, THIS YEAR. YOU HAVE UNTIL THE END OF MARCH TO DESIGNATE 2020 CHOICE DOLLARS. Call your Thrivent Rep. Scott Harvey 308- 872- 2511 he will be able to tell you or call the Home Office at 1-800-847-4836. Say Choice Dollars and they will get you to the proper department. Trinity has a special account for these dollars.



◆ The sign up sheet for Easter lilies to honor a family member is available on the back table. Cost of a lily is \$11. Please give your money to Maria, our church secretary or Barb Graham. Deadline to request a lily is March 25, 2021.

◆ Families of military servicemen and women need to contact Francie Stieb, Human Care Chairman to update the current mailing address of your son/daughter.



March 11, 2021 LWML Meeting at 9am

Opening: "Purpose in Serving" by Francie Stieb

Program: "Balance Life's Challenges by Marilyn Hueftle

Closing: Mite Box Moment, Francie Stieb

Hostesses: Marcia Holtz and Linda Moore

Trinity is looking for a Funeral Chair to serve for the month of December. Anyone interested needs to contact LaDonna Kwiatkowski or Barb Graham



- ◆ Noontime Nibbles meet 3rd Wednesday at church bring lunch 12:00 p.m. Thank You!



### Christian Family Night Menu

#### March 3

Vegetable Soup, Crackers, Pickles, Bars or Cookies

#### March 10

Loaded Potato Soup, Crackers, Veggies, Desserts TBD

#### March 17

Chili, Crackers, Pickles, St Patrick's Poke Cake

#### March 24

South West Chicken and Waffles

#### March 31

Holy Week No CFN



LUTHERAN HOUR-  
KRVN(880 AM)  
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

#### ◆ March 7"

A Place to Belong"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A house is not a person—but, could a Person be a house, a place to belong? Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about finding that place, in Christ.

(Mark 11: 1-26)

#### ◆ March 14

"Widow's Mite"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Why did Jesus commend a poor widow who gave all her money to a corrupt institution that oppressed widows? Dr. Michael Zeigler

takes a deeper look.

(Mark 12: 13-34)

#### ◆ March 21

TBD

#### ◆ March 28

TBD

### Prayers

*In order to keep our prayer requests up to date, those prayers that are short term in nature, will be listed for two weeks. If, after that time, you*

*would like your request to remain, please resubmit your request to the church office. Members will be in bold.*



#### **Health Concerns**

**Bob Raney,**

#### **Chronic or Long Term Health Conditions**

**Pauline Thornburg, Ethel Gierhan, Barb Horn,**

**Jackie Rowan, Jon Buhlmann, Nick Sawyer.**

#### **Mission & Ministry**

Ferry Family, Chelsea Irwin,

Kearney Circuit Pastors and Congregations

#### **Special Prayers**

For continued concerns for all in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For or nation during this time of unrest



#### **THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY**

**Lucas Horn, Randy Kwiatkowski, Jason Murray, Dylan Samway, Jennifer Ballenger, Perry Pierce, Andy Howard, John C. Moore, Ben Wichelt, Devin Hueftle, Nic Van Cura, Tyler Schukar.**



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**Roxanna Wobbema, 03-02**

**Rob Sattler, 03-05**

**Tammy Thornburg, 03-06**

**Pierre Peeples, 03-08**

**Ryan Johnson, 03-10**

**Caleb Moore, 03-10**

**Michael Woltemath, 03-11**

**Kendall Trampe, 03-13**

**Cicely Batie, 03-17**

**David Kitzing, 03-18**

**Julie Loudon, 03-19**

**Dana Thornburg, 03-19**

**Amelia Wieseler, 03-21**

**Alexander Kuefner, 03-21**

**Jan Phillippi, 03-22**

**Chuck Wobbema, 03-22**

**Alivia Stauffer, 03-22**

**Christopher Thornburg, 03-26**

**Deloris White, 03-27**

**Adrianna Hendricks, 03-29**

**Jade Cavanaugh, 03-30**

**Katy Schulte, 03-31**

**Joseph and Katie Alvarado, 03-08**

**Kyle and Michele Hoehner, 03-14**

**James and Shannon Callahan, 03-14**

**Keith and Loretta Anderson, 03-18**

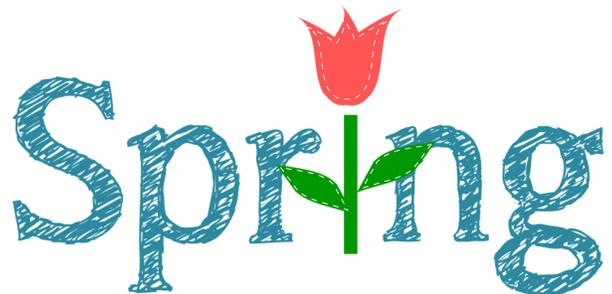
**Trevor and Jennifer Soncksen, 03-19**

**Shawn and Mindy Area, 03-19**

**Mike and Wendy Thome, 03-23**

**Tracy and Brenda Wolf, 03-27**

**Milford and Loretta Naprstek, 03-28**



- ◆ Our Anniversary and Birthday list is generated by information in the computer. If there is a mistake or we missed something, please let us know in the office. Thank you!