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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends in Christ,

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast” Ephesians 2:8-9.

Kevin Leininger, chief editorial writer for the Fort Wayne News -Sentinel newspaper wrote: *“When I was in high school, one of my teachers in sociology class, I think, often allowed students to discuss religious issues. No matter what faith or denomination was being discussed, on girl always made the same speech - ‘I know exactly when I decided to become a Christian,’” she would say with a certain amount of implied superiority. “How do YOU know that you are going to heaven?’ That question confused and troubled me. I could remember no specific time I began to believe in God or become a Christian. I knew I had made no “decision for Jesus” nor experienced an emotional Paul-like conversion. And so I began to question the strength of my own faith and the certainty of God’s promise of salvation. All of which proves two things - I’m so old I remember when God wasn’t a four-letter word in America’s public schools, and more to the point; nearly two decades of regularly going to a Lutheran church hadn’t yet give me the comforting assurance that God’s grace is not found in my own feelings and actions, but through faith and in the sacraments instituted by Christ and administered by His church. It took years of study of Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions for me to develop and answer for my high-school classmate - I couldn’t remember when I became a Christian because I didn’t choose God, HE chose me through baptism when I was only a few weeks old. And I can be sure of salvation not because I FEEL close to God, but because I have PROOF that God is close to me - proof found not only by God’s Word, but in the body and blood of Christ himself. Long before I was in*

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high school, I had been taught Luther's Small Catechism. If I had actually LEARNED it, I could have responded to my classmate by quoting Luther's explanation to the Third Article of the Creed. When did I become a Christian? How do I know I'm saved? 'I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified me and kept me in the true faith.' God does it all, lest we should boast. I wish I'd been smart enough to say that 25 years ago."

Those are thought provoking words from a thoughtful layperson. This season of Epiphany reminds us that Christ Jesus came to be the Light of the World and the Salvation of the world. God grant us all the wisdom which comes from His Word so that we boldly confess: *"By grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."* Those words are God's gift of life for you and those to whom you bear witness.

Your servant for Jesus' sake,
Pastor David Magruder

Just a Note by Hannah Walters

What's my favorite non-holiday-ordinary-in-every-way day of the year you ask? February 15th. Why? Because every store is filled with multiple aisles of highly discounted chocolate. Aisles and aisles littered with forlorn looking, heart-shaped, chocolatey boxes of deliciousness ripe for the picking.

Much like my parents, I ascribe to the notion that Valentine's Day was invented by Hallmark to sell cards. Sure, you could argue that the Old World and the New World have been celebrating some form of "Valentine's day" since the 3rd century A.D when crazy Roman romantics would line up young women and hit them to make them fertile. But in 1913, Hallmark Card of Kansas City, Mo. began mass producing valentines and February has not been the same since.

As the celebration of Valentine's Day goes on, many break the bank buying jewelry and flowers for their beloveds. According to market research firm IBIS World, Valentine's Day sales reached \$30.3 BILLION in 2018 and this obscene number is only expected to grow.

As Christians we know that the only reason we are capable of showing any kind of love to one another is that Christ first showed love to us. When our love for each other fails, as it invariably does in ways both large and small, we look to Christ to see what perfect love looks like, and we find in that perfect love forgiveness for all the times we have fallen short.

There is no need for Christians to set aside the flowers, hearts, and chocolate this Valentine's Day but **there is a need to go to church** and hear about a love that dwarfs any kind of love you've ever known.

"God is love" (1 John 4:16). His boundless, limitless love is what compelled him to send his own Son to die for such a world as this. He gives unendingly. So this month, as you're bombarded with pressure to participate in this secular holiday, **come to church and be reminded how completely and wonderfully you are loved.** Share the joy of this perfect love with your loved ones and (if you're a chocolate maniac like myself) mark your calendars for February 15th.

Marilyn's Memo

Dear PWC Family,

February, the season of love as the world looks at it. Many people love Valentine's Day and just as many people dread it. For those with loved ones near and dear in their lives, it can be a fun-filled, loving day. For those who are lonely, mourning a loved one, going through a break-up, or those who may not have found a special someone, it is a day to be ignored or endured.

We as Christians can rejoice because we have a near and dear one who loves us unconditionally! He loves us through our triumphs and our failures, through our happy days and our troubled days, when we are kind and when we aren't. Not only does He love us but he forgives us and clothes us with His righteousness. *"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."* **2 Corinthians 5:21**

We can share this news with those around us who may be hurting, sad or troubled. God not only love them and cares for them even though times are difficult but He also has compassion on them. *"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."* **Matthew 9:36**

What does it mean to have compassion on a fellow human being? To me, it means trying to put yourself in others shoes, trying to imagine what they are going through and sharing in their struggles and doing our best to show Christ's love to them. Is it easy? Absolutely NOT! There is much suffering and sadness in our broken world and many who have not heard the Gospel. By showing your love and compassion to others you are showing Christ to them also. Many, many times we fail to do this because we are busy, hurting or just not very loving at that moment but the best news is that God still loves us! We have His forgiveness by His grace through faith in Christ Jesus. Those who have

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faith in Him know this to be true: *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”* **John 3:16-17**

You and I are loved and forgiven – Hallelujah!

Have a blessed February,
Marilyn

Youth Activities

Valentine’s Rehearsals!!!

Sat., February 2 - 10 am until ?? Need to finish all props and rehearse, rehearse, rehearse!

Wed., Feb. 6 - 5 pm - 7:30 pm Rehearsal

Friday, Feb. 8 - afterschool until ? Set-up of room, decorations, rehearsal and some food prep.

Sat., Feb. 9 - 9 am - 11:30 am, Final rehearsals, preparation for serving and meal prep.; 3:30 until clean-up is complete! Final meal preparation, Youth meal, last minute details and rehearsals! Your help is needed and appreciated!



Youth Parents (and other Youth helpers) - Please see the sign-up sheet on the Youth Bulletin Board to see how you can help with this year’s Valentine Dinner! Many hands will make this an enjoyable time for all!

February 23 - Anyone for Laser Tag? I am working on details and decided where to go for some Laser tag fun. Watch for more information on time, place and cost soon!

Lutheran Women in Mission



February Program: Monday, February 11th @ 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall Dessert and fellowship begin at 6:30 pm. Then at 7 pm, we'll continue with sessions 4-5 in Paul Maier's video series, "Christianity -The First Three Centuries." Dr. Maier unveils the early history of Christian persecution as well as defenders of the faith. Christie Peebles has devotions; Colleen Rohlf's and Christie will hostess.

All Ladies are Welcome!

- **Mites are Mighty!** LWML's mite box for World Missions will be in the Narthex February 3rd! For a comprehensive listing of missions supported by LWML, including links to each, visit www.lwml.org & www.lwmlrmd.org.
- **February Mission:** Stay tuned to future bulletins for details!
- **LWML's Executive Board** meets Monday, February 25th at 6:30pm in the home of Bev Russman. All ladies are welcome to attend this business meeting.

Church Council

The Council Minutes *Minute* gives you the opportunity to see highlights of the Council Meetings several weeks before the approval of the actual Minutes.

These minutes reflect business conducted at the Council Meeting which followed the Council Retreat on January 19, 2019.

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- Actions approved by the Elders: Transfer of Ron Thaemert to Zion Lutheran, Flagler, CO. Transfer to PWC: Gary & Doris Willey from Christ Our Savior, Elizabeth, CO, Bobby Jo Foster from Faith Lutheran Church, Craig, CO, and Tammy Earl as a Profession of Faith from Calvary Lutheran Church, Irene, SD. ***Welcome Gary, Doris, Bobbie Jo and Tammy - we are glad that you are here!***
- PWC has been approached by a company that is potentially interested in leasing a portion of the church property for installing a stealth cell tower. Council will be providing additional information to the congregation at a Forum on Sunday, February 3 at 9:30 am. A follow-up Forum will be held on Sunday, February 17 at 9:30 am to obtain feedback and direction prior to pursuing this opportunity.
- Council briefly discussed the open positions for the 2019 Church Council; there is still the need to identify a Fellowship Chair(s) to complete the last year of this term. Please contact Dan Prevedel if you are interested in learning more about this fun position. In the interim, a detailed list of the specific events will be created with the intent of identifying members who are willing to assist in coordinating one (or more) of the individual events.

In addition, the Staff Care Committee has open positions. Council will be reviewing the current roles and responsibilities of the Staff Care Committee as outlined in the By-laws prior to filling these positions.

- Larry and Linda Siegfried have resigned as the PWC custodians, effective January 31, 2019. The Executive Council recommended hiring a temporary custodial service until the long-term custodial needs are

determined. Mark Leising, Head Trustee has recommended contracting with Brothers Cleaning and Janitorial Service, which gave a bid within the current budget. Council has no concerns and recommends that the Trustees proceed. Additional research and discussion will be continuing to determine the long-term custodial needs and options.

- Hands in Harmony Committee is continuing to work on an updated member directory and design of the photo board. The majority of members have returned the form to update their information and members who have not returned it are encouraged to do so. (*Please contact Betty Keeney is another copy of your form is needed*). A photo board for new members and specific groups is also being designed and the draft design will be presented to Council.
- PWC will be joining with Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church to host Faith Family Hospitality in March. Additional information will be available soon for those who are interested in helping during this week.
- The Financial Reports are provided in the Council Broadcast article to give Council members the opportunity to review and approve the monthly Financial Reports prior to providing the information to PWC members.

The 12/31/18 Financial Reports have not been finalized, yet. The reports will be reviewed and approved at a future Council Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Carlson
Council Secretary

News and Announcements

Getting to know our new members:

Gary and Doris Willey moved here from Elizabeth, CO. With Gary's roots in Albuquerque, NM and Doris' in rural Nebraska, both appreciate the pastoral setting in Ault, CO where they now live. Gary is a semi-retired electrician and enjoys working on cars. Doris was a stay-at-home mom and loves to quilt in her free time. Their daughter Jane Pennington, the oldest of their six children, and her family have been members at PWC for several years. Gary and Doris knew Pastor Brandon Ross, a former PWC member, when he was a child.

BobbieJo Foster is a native Coloradan, born and raised in Craig, CO where she was little sister to two older brothers. She is employed at 1st National Bank. She and her husband have a St. Bernard and two cats and love live music concerts. BobbieJo pursues her enjoyment of hiking by volunteering with the Poudre Wilderness Volunteers. Those of you following a vegetarian diet may ask BobbieJo if she has any favorite recipes to share.

Joy Circle

Joy Circle will meet on Thursday, February 7th at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome to join us! Bev Russman will have the devotions and Nancy Moore and Joanne Dahmer are hostesses. A Bible study will be led by Cheryl Harsen.

Tuesday, February 5th at Noon – TAG (Tuesday Afternoon Group)

Please join us for a potluck meal with everyone bringing a dish to share. This will be followed by our continuing Bible study on the book of Jude led by Pastor Magruder at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Youth Valentine's Dinner
Saturday, February 9 at 5:30 pm

Please join us for food, fun and fellowship. We invite all members of the congregation to attend this year's program, **"Are We There Yet?! A Family Vacation Through the Years Across America"** The menu this year is a Roadside Diner Theme of Hamburgers, Cheese Burgers (Vegetarian and Turkey Burger options available), Onion Rings, French Fries, veggies and Ice Cream Floats or Sundaes for dessert. The Sign-up is posted on the bulletin board by the mailboxes. Please call Marilyn at 391-4946, if you have not had a chance to sign up and you wish to join us on February 9th. PWC Youth members will be providing the entertainment and serving the meal. This is a fundraiser for the group to help offset the costs of attending Higher Things or the LVR Catechism Retreat next summer.

2019 Flower Chart

There is a new Flower Chart posted in the Sunshine Hall for those wishing to provide flowers for our Sunday services. Write your name and the occasion on the chart and please take a reminder slip with the date to help you remember. We have room for 2-3 arrangements each Sunday. We do not have flowers during Lent and Advent. If you have questions - contact Marilyn Lasich.

Adopt-A-Seminary Student Committee

Our committee frequently updates the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall with newsletters from our seminary students. Currently there are three receiving our support and whose most recent letters are posted.

PWC member participation in the Adopt-A-Sem student mission was approved by Church Council in the fall of 1988. Since then, Lenten and Advent offerings have been committed to implement the financial part of the program. A good start was made in 1989 with Lenten contributions of \$3529.17.

In 2018 through July, an accumulated \$6400.00 was disbursed. This amount increased our grand total since

1989 to \$242,871.00. Our recent Advent contributions in 2018 will soon be disbursed in 2019.

Our current ministerial candidates, Benjamin Vanderhyde, and Paul Horstmeyer, now in vicarage service, and Charles Ridley, first year student, will continue to receive PWC support until their graduation.

Our committee, Julie Frank, Gladys Hulsebus, Barb Prenzlow, and Dave Muth, praise God for your generosity and loyal support of all our “adopted” candidates over the years.

Calling All Ladies!

First Annual Northern Colorado Ladies’ Retreat

Please join us May 3 -5, 2019 for a theological retreat held at beautiful Fall River Lodge just outside of Estes Park, CO. Rev. Steven Cholak will be our speaker and he will present on the topic of The Three Estates.

Fall River Lodge is a large, beautiful home with nice amenities including a large sunroom housing an 8-person hot tub and game tables. Accommodations will be family style; sharing bedrooms, bathrooms and kitchen duties. Our schedule will include worship, study, and fellowship time to get better acquainted.

Anyone of confirmation age and above is welcome.

Registration is \$150 and includes all meals and lodging.

Look for information and registration forms in your church narthex or ask your pastor.

Feel free to contact Noreen Linke, retreat chairman (member of Peace With Christ Lutheran Fort Collins) if you have any questions.

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Happy Anniversary

Rick & Gail Lane	February 14
Ken & Betty Keeney	February 24
Stephen & Anne Yeldell	February 27

Happy Birthday

Cassie Smith	February 1
Dale Weimer	February 1
Christie Peebles	February 2
Sierra Rohlf	February 2
Brittany Barker	February 3
Kerri Fagan	February 4
Cheryl Harsen	February 4
Glenn Mulholland	February 4
Becca Klyczek	February 12
Amanda Nierman	February 12
Darci Johnson	February 14
Logan Mohr	February 14
Julie Ward	February 16
Harry Krueckeberg	February 17
Ray Kaiser	February 18
Lori French	February 19
Colton Mohr	February 19
Martha Pforr	February 22
Beckie Neuhaus	February 27
Roger Gunlikson	February 28
Madelyn Smith	February 28

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