

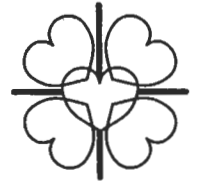
OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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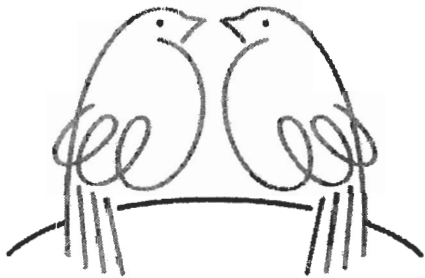
February 2011

Making Neighbors Family



You shall love
your neighbor
as yourself.
-Leviticus 19:18

Be a love bird



Many stories about the origin of Valentine's Day have come down through the centuries. There's no definitive story, but most revolve around the imprisonment of Valentinus (St. Valentine) for his disregard of Roman laws.

Many legends are also associated with Valentine's Day. For example, because birds seemed to arrive and mate in some countries in mid-February, human couples came to be called "love birds."

In 1667, the first recorded Valentine card was printed. Today, people will give their sweethearts countless millions of cards and acres of heart-shaped boxes filled with candy. But why wait for Valentine's Day to share love with others? Remember Jesus' words in John 13:34 (NRSV): "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another."

Invincible love

In their book *Falling in Love With Jesus*, Dee Brestin and Kathy Troccoli compare the stages of marriage to a relationship with Jesus. All relationships, they write, go through three stages: first love, wilderness love and invincible love. Mary of Bethany, for example, experienced first love when she couldn't tear herself away from Jesus while her sister Martha toiled. Then, when Mary's brother Lazarus died, she felt wilderness love, "clinging to [Jesus] in the wounds of life." Finally, Mary expressed overflowing invincible love as she poured her perfume and tears on Jesus' feet, wiping them with her hair.

Brestin and Troccoli say most Christians never arrive at the final stage. "They simply have an occasional rendezvous with the One who used to be the Love of their life." But nothing can compare to a "tender, mature, invincible love with Jesus."

Ladies' Guild

Ladies' Guild meets on Thursday, February 3rd, at 7:00 PM at the church.



Pastor Troy & Stephanie and Family
Jeremy & Diane Yeadon and Family
Pastor Rich & Maya Rudowske and Family –
missionaries to Botswana
The Family of Bill Messersmith
Jewel McCreary –continued healing
Jim Spencer –health concerns
Jackie Klinger—cancer
Dave Kamen—ongoing dialysis, needing
kidney donation
Robert Oates—cancer
Donna Klinger—recovery from hip surgery
Lillian Votzke—acute myeloid leukemia (8
month old girl)

Aran Starwars—health, premature birth
Bob Rupley—position in the Army
Dan Gipson—health concerns
Luke Anderson—heart surgery and recovery
Marge Grafe—healing
Deb Donaldson—test results
Troy Suydam—epilepsy
Doug Yoder—recovery and healing
Ernest Meyer—pneumonia
David Hill—non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma
Missionaries – (download prayer cards of
missionaries by going to www.lcmsworldmission.org
and click on “Harvest News” and pray for
them daily)

You are Invited

Tracie Lynn Klinger
& Scott Alan Popejoy

together with the Lord have
reached a decision to unite our
lives as one with Him.

Together with our parents,
Sharon Klinger
and

Thomas and Vickie Popejoy Sr.,

We invite you worship with
us and witness our vows on

Saturday,

the nineteenth of March,
two thousand and eleven

at three o five in the afternoon

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

751 North Maple Grove Ave.

Hudson, Michigan

The celebration will continue at the Lenawee County Fairgrounds starting at 5:30 PM with
dinner at 6:00 PM. Please RSVP to Scott or Tracie 517-759-3065 or email
klinger_mt@yahoo.com by February 26.



PASTOR'S PAGE

Luther quote of the month:

“Besides, it is an exceedingly effectual help against the devil, the world, and the flesh and all evil thoughts to be occupied with the Word of God, and to speak of it, and meditate upon it, so that the First Psalm declares those blessed who meditate upon the Law of God day and night. Undoubtedly, you will not start a stronger incense or other fumigation against the devil than by being engaged upon God's commandments and words, and speaking, singing, or thinking of them. For this is indeed the true holy water and holy sign from which he flees, and by which he may be driven away.”

You're never too old—nor too young!—to hear God's Word. To grow in it. To *study* it.

This is one of the basic assumptions of the Christian; that they will be found growing in the Word. It is revealed in the New Testament, it is understood in the early church, and it is affirmed throughout the church's history. The study of the Scriptures is *crucial* to the spiritual well-being of individuals and to the church as a whole.

The reason is simple: We are constantly bombarded from within and without by things that demand our allegiance. When we give our allegiance, we spend a good deal of our time thinking about them in our minds, and our thought patterns and ever-so-subtly conformed into a new image. Those thought patterns then begin to bring about changes in our lives.

Examples: Packers fans tend to wear green. Long-time Ford owners won't consider buying a Chevy. A child won't try a new dish because it doesn't look or taste like their favorite mac-n-cheese.

Habitual, continual study of God's Word does the same thing. Only in this case it gives you something far better than a particular shade of green; the study of God's Word brings the Holy Spirit to you. He dwells in you, shaping your thoughts, giving you the mind of Christ. As we study God's Word, we begin to see things more as He sees them. To understand events from His point of view. To love people as He does.

And if we're not in the Word . . . we get none of that. Instead, we'll be carried along by whatever the fad and fancy of the day brings. Lacking the mind of Christ, we become consumers instead of producers. Takers instead of givers.

Romans 12:2, “. . . be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” Christ has so much to offer, and you have so much to receive from Him. Why not join us for Bible study this Sunday? You have nothing to lose, and the mind of Christ to gain.

Worship Facilitator Ministry for February 2011

Week	Feb 6	Feb 13	Feb 20	Feb 27
Usher	David Klinger	Bill Rupley	Joe Beaubien	Mike Brinkman
Usher	Sam Klinger	Watson Clark	Sam Klinger	Bill Rupley
Usher	Mike McNamara	Mike Brinkman	Zack Neujahr	David Klinger
Usher	Watson Clark	Joe Beaubien	Nick Neujahr	Watson Clark
Greeter	Watson Clark	David Klinger	Floyd McFall	Bud Fowler
Greeter	JoAnn Clark	Jackie Klinger	Bonnie McFall	Dody Fowler
Coffee Hour	Jackie Klinger	Betty Capper	Shonnie Brinkman	Sharon Klinger
Coffee Hour	Erin Wonderly	Stephanie Neujahr	Gracie Beaubien	Tracie Klinger

For changes, call Watson Clark 448-8860

Ladies Guild Minutes of January 6th, 2011

In attendance: Dody Fowler, Deb Sterling, Betty Capper, Darlene Reuter, Bonnie McFall, Kaleigh Neujahr, Stephanie Neujahr

Betty Capper read a devotion from Daily Guideposts

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes for the November, 2010 meeting were read and approved.

Communications:

- We received a letter from our sponsored Compassion child, Rikta. Letter was placed on the bulletin board and in mailboxes
- We received a thank-you letter from Joanne Tressler for Beth Gibson's funeral dinner

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Old business:

- Jackie Klinger pancake breakfast benefit was a wonderful success.
- Angel Christmas tree went well
- Thank you to Ronna for providing the poinsettias
- Secret Sisters program—still pending
- "Raise the Roof" potluck is planned for March 6th. There will also be an auction on that day.

New business:

- Weekly church cleaning: a volunteer schedule is needed
- Undecorating the church: planned for Sunday, January 9th after worship
- Motion to pay the bill at Bob's made by Dody, seconded by Betty. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Neujahr, secretary

PIECES OF LOVE



Send special reminders of your love by creating messages that people can assemble and enjoy.

What you need:

- Large wooden craft sticks
- Tape
- Permanent markers
- Scissors
- Zippered sandwich baggies

What you do:

1. Make a rectangle out of seven craft sticks by placing them next to one another, long side against long side.
2. Tape the sticks together.
3. Turn the sticks over and draw a special picture or message. You can include this Bible verse: "We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19, NIV).
4. Cut through the tape to separate each craft stick.
5. Put all the sticks in a baggie.
6. Give your special messages to family members, friends or teachers — along with directions for viewing them.



A LOVE Letter

In the New Testament, John writes a letter about God's love and the love we should show to other people.

DIRECTIONS: Working from left to right, write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's. Then read about love, from 1 John 4:11-12, NIV.

lives 3	in 3	us 3	Since 1	and 3	God 1	so 1	loved 1	his 3
us 1	love 3	we 1	If 2	also 1	is 3	made 3	we 2	ought 1
to 1	love 2	love 1	one 1	complete 3	one 2	another 1	in 3	us 3
another 2	God 2							

1 John 4:11-12, NIV

Answers: Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.



- 1 Cathy Henning
- 6 Broc Nichelson
- 7 Larry Wollett
- 10 Zachary Rieger
Aleah Reese
- 11 Allison Grimm
- 14 Becky Sullivan

- 17 Mollie Houser
- 18 Michael Ball
Noah Gutierrez
- 23 Steve Rieger
- 25 Wyatt Gutierrez
- 27 Fred Messersmith
Reagan Wonderly



- 4 Floyd & Bonnie McFall
- 14 David & Tracy Padden
- 27 John & Mary Boehk



GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS TO ALL

Thoughts for Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day, a time when thoughts turn to love. But what is love? Is it a box of chocolates, or a pretty valentine? Is it a red rose, or maybe a dozen? Is it a peck on the cheek, a fond embrace, or a big bear hug?

Well, sometimes love is known in those ways. But love, real love, is how we relate to God and to one another if life is what it ought to be - beautiful!

Quotes from Martin Luther

- 'Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side and bend to every necessity of our brethren.'
- 'Faith is a living and unshakeable confidence, a belief in the grace of God so assured that a man would die a thousand deaths for its sake.'



FEBRUARY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Pastor's Circuit Meeting	2 The Presentation of Our Lord (White)	3 Ladies' Guild 7:00 PM	4	5
6 5th Sunday after Epiphany (Green) 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00-10:25 AM Coffee Fellowship Installation of Officers 10:30 AM Holy Communion Service Council meets following service	7	8	9 Hudson Ministerial Association 10:30 to 12:00	10	11	12 Private Confession and Absolution 6:00-7:00 PM
13 6th Sunday after Epiphany (Green) 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00-10:25 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:30 AM Holy Communion Service	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19
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