



The Lamplighter

Plattville Lutheran Church

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FROM OUR PASTOR

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

2 Timothy 2:8-10

It would be hard to imagine a much more difficult year of time than the one that began on March 17, 2020. It was then that the Governor essentially shut down the state of Illinois in response to the pandemic. But this sentiment still applies; “Even in times we would like to forget, there are moments we will want to remember always.”

As we are in the midst of our Lenten journey, we are contemplating the upcoming suffering and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ. That is a difficult time to remember. For Jesus at was a painfully humiliating time. We may be tempted to rush to the glory of Easter. But it is precisely the suffering and death of Jesus that gives Easter its power and glory. Had Jesus not been willing to give himself up for us on the cross there would have been no salvation. There would have been no body in the tomb. But that empty tomb would have accomplished nothing. Jesus did die for us. He was buried and then raised from the dead for us. That is the Gospel. That is the empty tomb that assures us of salvation. Our salvation is the glory of Easter, but there is no Easter with out the shame of the cross and grave.

We are to remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead.

We do so, not in order to forget about the cross and the grave, but as a glorious hope when we have difficult times of our own. Remembering Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, enabled Paul

to endure much in his missionary life. There may be times he would wish to forget, but he would always remember Christ Jesus in whom he knew he had salvation and the assurance of eternal glory.

Let us also remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, so that we, too, might have salvation and eternal glory.

Pastor Bret

LUTHERDALE SUMMER 2021

Many weeks and exciting themes are planned for a good time at Lutherdale this summer for young campers. Please check out what week works best or what theme peaks your interest. Plattville Church will pay 1/2 of the week's fees. We have at least 6 young members already signed up to have a good time this summer.

WE ARE WORSHIPPING VIA ELECTRONIC MEDIA – You Tube, the Church website and Facebook as well as in person

Wednesday evenings Lent sermon series –
A Fulfilling Life

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

March 10 - A Fulfilling Baptism

March 17 – A Fulfilling Healing

March 24 – A Fulfilling Servant

March 31 – A Fulfilling Teaching

April 1 – Maundy Thursday – A Fulfilling Betrayal and Abandonment

April 2 – Good Friday – A Fulfilling Death

Start collecting items for personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief:

Dark colored bath towel

Bar soap

Toothbrush

Large tooth comb

Nail clippers

PLATTVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH TRUSTEE/ COUNCIL MEETING February 22, 2021

Present: Pam Gegenheimer, Dave Kurtz, Carla Taylor, Jean Homerding, Tim Engel, Bob Vickery, Darrell Hansen, Orpha Bols, Katie Freeman, Barry Saidat, Mark Bols, Janelle Bols, Bob Bols, Al Gegenheimer

Absent: Mark Hansen, Caitlyn Kurtz, Emily Stromdahl, Kim Hansen

Call to Order: President Dave Kurtz called meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Devotions: Pastor read from Psalm 25 and opened with prayer.

Secretary's Minutes: Minutes read, MSC to accept minutes.

Treasurers' Report: Report reviewed, MSC to accept Report

Missions Investments: No Report

Pastors Report: Continued Sunday worship in person and posted to YouTube. Wednesday's services are still being posted on You Tube.

Confirmation classes continue. Lenten Service on February 24th will be on YouTube only. Lenten Services will be on Wednesdays at 7pm.

Circle Bible Study will be on Tuesday, February 23

Cemetery Report: President David Kurtz will drop off materials for Marilyn Zoellner, the Cemetery Secretary and will be adding Marilyn to Checking Accounts signature list.

Old Business:

-Organ Servicing: Pastor had conversation with Technician from Triune Music concerning the Organ. A new Central Processing Unit replacement from professional rep only to repair and install. Material and Labor TBD. Mark Bols will be getting repair input from another organ company so decisions could be made.

New Business:

-A request from Orpha Bols to use church basement February 28 after Baptism. MSC to accept.

-Church Council agreed to use the Bill Eisenbrandt Family Trust donation towards church bills and expenses, as we believe this is what Bill would have wanted.

-Easter Breakfast is cancelled due to Covid 19. In lieu of breakfast donations raised and sent to Lutherdale, we will be having a door offering

during Easter worship services. Motion was made to allocate 1/3 donations to Capital Building Fund, and 2/3 to the General Fund. MSC to accept.

-Summer 2021 Rummage Sale still TBD.

-Dave Kurtz agreed to continue as trustee for one more year to take over an un-expired term and Orpha Bols has agreed to a one year term as Deacon.

-MSC to approve the new council officers for 2021, Motion Bob Vickery, second Al Gegenheimer.

President-David Kurtz

Vice President-Barry Saidat

Secretary-Al Gegenheimer

Treasurer-Pam Gegenheimer

Financial Secretary- Tim Engel

Memorial Secretary- Kim Hansen

Parish Education:

-Valentines will be sent out, even if it's a little late.

-VBS 2021 still TBD, based on Covid 19 impact.

Deacon Board: -March is all scheduled.

Adjournment: - MSC to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. The Lords Prayer was prayed in unison.

Barry Saidat
Council Secretary



Additional January circle offering for PLCW Parish Projects and Quilting - \$30.00

February circle offering for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois - \$43.00

March circle offering is for Streator Unlimited, Ralph Plumb House

Quilting – Wednesday March 10 at 10:00 a.m. Quilting for the remainder of March will be on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.

Circle meeting for all circles on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 2:00 pm at the church with Pastor Bret leading the Bible study.

Masks required with social distancing.

To the PLCW Quilters:

Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt, Maren has made good use of it already during this cold winter. Thanks again, Kevin, Erica and Maren

Gather Bible Study - JOURNEY WITH ANGELS

Focus Verse: "For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways."

Psalm 91:11

This month, in our Journeys with Angels bible study, we are looking at "comforting, encouraging, coaching, protecting angels. Angels are mysterious beings, they do God's work and do exist in the Bible. These angels are messengers of God - messengers who usher us into the goodness of God. In this session we are looking at angels who attend to people in distress: Hagar in the desert, three friends thrown into a furnace, Daniel shut into a lions' den, and Jesus: first, amid the agonies of temptation, then years later, the night before his crucifixion. We explore the difference between the temptation to passively expect guardian angels to fix our problems, and Scripture's witness of angels who respond to genuine human needs but also strengthen us for God's toughest assignments.

STAY SAFE!



March 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Third Sunday in Lent Worship with Communion: 9:15 Lector: Orpha Bols	8 7:00 p.m. Church Council	9	10 12:30 p.m. Quilting 2:00 p.m. Circle Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service	11	12	13
14 Fourth Sunday in Lent Worship: 9:15 Lector: Tim Engel	15	16	17 12:30 p.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service	18	19	20
21 Sixth Sunday in Lent Worship: 9:15 Lector: Ryan Keener	22	23	24 12:30 p.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service	25	26	27
28 Palm Sunday Worship: 9:15 Lector: Janelle Bols	29	30	31 12:30 Quilting 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service			