

The Messenger

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A Year of Marriage

My pastor's articles this year will focus on marriage. Marriage is a subject of such importance it merits an extended treatment. We'll do that this year. Over the twelve months of 2018 we'll look at marriage in the light of God's Word, studying the Bible passages that present God's institution of marriage and God's will for husbands and wives. We'll consider the different ways we experience marriage—as single persons, engaged persons, married persons, divorced persons, and widowed persons. We'll seek to understand the often distorted views about marriage that prevail in our society, and explore how we as Christians can preserve ourselves and our children from these harmful distortions, even as we spread to those around us a beautiful Christian witness about the *truth* of marriage. And in all of this we'll pray that God would continue to use Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church and School to invite others to learn of His grace in Jesus Christ and come to believe in Him.

I would like to invite *you* to let this year 2018 be a year of marriage for you—whatever your current marital status. Let it be a year in which you look to Scripture for insight and instruction about marriage, a year in which you reflect more deeply on what marriage is and what purposes God included in this institution. Let 2018 be a year in which you pay attention to what people around you are saying about marriage, and how you can join the conversation with a Christian witness. I would like to invite you to share your own marriage experiences with me, or the experiences of your family and loved ones. I would like to invite you to bring me your *questions* about marriage—whatever confuses you or troubles you. (If there are issues of special importance to you that you would like to see addressed in a Pastor's Article this year, please let me know.) If you are married, perhaps this can become a year for you to join with your spouse in deepening your relationship under Christ. I will be glad to offer pastoral counseling toward that end. I have heard of Christians renewing their marriage vows; maybe this is the year for you to consider that.

In our focus on marriage this year we will start a new practice during the Divine Service. Thanksgivings and petitions will be offered in the Prayer of the Church for our member couples celebrating anniversaries that week. Other thanksgivings and petitions will also be offered, with more frequency than it currently happens, for single persons among us, especially for those desiring to be married to a Christian spouse. Also, we will remember in prayer those struggling in their marriages, and those grieving the end of their marriages through divorce or death. We will cover, in our prayers, the gamut of what God's people experience in this world. As St. Paul said of our life in the Body of Christ: "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together" (1 Corinthians 12:26).

Above all, this year we will rejoice. We will rejoice that we are the Bride of Jesus Christ. We, His cleansed and spotless Church, washed in Holy Baptism, are cherished by the Savior who exhibited purest love as He laid down His innocent life on the cross to purchase and win us to be His own eternally. *This* is ultimately what marriage is all about, and what our earthly marriages dimly point to (Ephesians 5:31-32). Thank God that He gives us the wondrous gift of marriage. Thank God more still that He has redeemed us through His Son, our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ!

Pastor Groth



THOSE SERVING IN JANUARY

Ushers

Dan Adams

Scott Davidson

Roger Ruff

Fred Brechbuhl

Elders

1/7 Cliff Evans & Mike Brown

1/14 Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle

1/21 Cliff Evans & Mike Brown

1/28 Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle

Acolytes

1/7 Joey Weinstock

1/14 Henry Pawlak 3RD

1/21 Damien & Bradley Dittrich

1/28 Nicholas Little

Altar Guild

Judy Werner and Martha Vinquist





January Birthdays

Jan.	2	Dan Brechbuhl Dawn Weinstock
	4	Cal Meisner
	5	Dan Anderberg Connie Cordova
	7	Jan Meisner
	9	Chris Adams Maxine Craiger
	12	Bleiler Young
	14	Ruby Stolz
	16	Matt Krueger
	24	Mark Eisele Bill Schierkolk
	26	Twila Toliver
	28	Kimberly Bower
	29	Sylas Boniek Eleanor Bower
	30	Terry Post
	31	Anneliese Kropp



January Anniversaries

Jan.	2	Karl and Linda Duchrow
	5	Tom and Hillary Ulrich
	16	Cal and Lynda Meisner
	28	Brad and Souwan Pigors

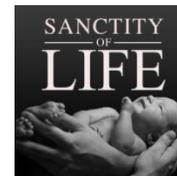


Soar Seminar For Active Adults will be held February 10, 2018 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 2100 Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood, Colo. The theme is Enhancing One's Quality of Life. Registration packets with more details are available from the bookshelf just outside the main sanctuary doors



Join the Colorado March for Life, Saturday, January 13

January brings the opportunity to join with other Coloradans in affirming the sanctity of human life. Consider attending a very special event on Saturday, January 13th, at the west steps of the beautiful Colorado capitol building. The March for Life begins at 1PM with a program featuring inspiring speakers who share our conviction that every human life is valuable and ought to be protected in law and respected and loved by all of us. At 2PM there is a relatively short "march," following a route to the west of the capitol building. If you have never attended the March for Life, you may wonder what sort of experience to expect. Know that this is a thoroughly peaceful and prayerful event. Our friends from Lutherans For Life and several Denver-area LCMS congregations usually cluster together near a small Lutherans For Life banner. Talk to Pastor Groth if you are interested in attending and possibly carpooling downtown.



Sanctity of Life Sunday – January 21

At our Divine Service on Sunday, January 21, we will join with numerous other Christian congregations to focus on our Creator's gift of life, as well as His gift of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Our society needs the salutary effect of a Christian witness about the true nature of humanity and the sanctity of human life. As Lutherans, we understand the authority of the written Word of God as guide to all our faith and life—including our love and regard for all people, born and unborn, well and diseased, capable and disabled, living and dying. We also understand the importance of distinguishing the doctrines of the Law and the Gospel, so that just as sin is rightly rebuked, so also repentant sinners are properly comforted with the Gospel of the grace of God. We observe the Sanctity of Human Life Sunday above all because it is another opportunity to proclaim to hurting and sin-wounded people the glorious good news of the mercy of God toward all humanity, in Christ Jesus. Prepare for a very special and inspiring Sunday on January 21st.



A New Year's Message for "The Body of Christ"

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect". (Romans 12:2)

Dear Family in Christ:

The beginning of every New Year finds many of us making resolutions to improve our lives. Some make resolutions to strengthen their financial or professional standing. Others resolve to lose weight or to stop a bad habit and still others express the desire to improve their relationships with families and friends . . . a list of New Year Resolutions can go on and on!

While it is natural to make such resolutions at the beginning of a new year, it is also more often than not, that within a few weeks such resolutions have already been broken. Life returns to "normal", to the "status quo", and during the subsequent weeks those new resolutions can be completely forgotten.

The very heart of the Gospel may be summed up in a single word: **REPENT!** To be a disciple of Christ means to be changed by the power of the Holy Spirit . . . ***"but be transformed by the renewing of your mind"*** . . . resolving to discern not our own wills and desires, but the Lord's.

Resolving to live according to God's will, per the teaching of our Lord Jesus, is not restricted to the beginning of a new year but faces us every day of our lives as we live by faith in Christ. We are continually challenged to embrace change by growing in our faith, by participating more regularly in our ***Life Together*** as the Church and by reaching out to others in compassion and love. As we begin every new day, we pray that our repentance will bring us into a more intimate relationship with God, with others, and even with ourselves. Always seeking to accomplish not our own will, but the will of our loving Heavenly Father.

The beginning of a new year offers each of us an opportunity to make a resolution that matters, that transcends the goals inherent in so many New Year Resolutions and offers us a foretaste of the very Kingdom of God that, while yet to be fully revealed, is already fully present in the life of the Church. It affords us an opportunity to pursue a new beginning, to transform our commitments and words into conviction and action and to put our spiritual households into order - not only during the New Year but also for the remainder of our lives. Ultimately, making the resolution to repent is not something restricted to the beginning of a new year; rather, it is the Gospel's challenge – to be renewed in body and soul every day of our lives, to change our focus and direction in the pursuit of holiness rather than our own trivial pursuits.

We are truly blessed by God with this beginning of another New Year! In thanksgiving, may each of us make our resolution one of **repentance** and **renewal**, aimed at "the one thing needful" – pursuing our lives in accordance with the will of God and the teachings of our Savior. Let us lay aside all earthly cares and resolutions – replacing them with a firm commitment to seek renewal in the Lord. And let us resolve to remain vigilant in fulfilling this resolution, especially in times of temptation, distress and despair – times when our Lord is quick to hear our prayers for help, guidance and direction. In so doing, we will discover that indeed the Lord is with us every moment and in every circumstance, giving us the resolve to grow in Christ, now and in all the days to come. ***God's peace and joy to all of you in this New Year and always!***

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- Jan. 7th** **“Breaking News”** (Isaiah 60:1-6 / *“Arise, shine, for your light has come.”*)
Epiphany calls us to believe that the Light has come into the world. A New Year’s message About confidence, if you’ll believe it!
(Lutheran Hour Guest Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer**)
- Jan. 14th** **“How Well Does Jesus Know Me?”** (John 1:48-51)
It’s nice to have someone know and understand you. Today the Lutheran Hour asks, “How do you feel about Jesus knowing you?”
(Lutheran Hour Speaker, Emeritus: **Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus**)
- Jan. 21st** **“Meeting Millennials Where They’re at”** (Mark 1:14-20/*Jesus calls His first disciples*)
Robots can’t produce disciples. How can we mentor those who don’t know Jesus, or don’t know Him well enough? (Lutheran Hour Guest Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer**)
- Jan. 28th** **“Cause I Said So”** (Mark 1:21-28)
Many have pretended to be the Messiah. In today’s text, Jesus’ authority is recognized and obeyed by His competition. (Lutheran Hour Speaker, Emeritus: **Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus**)

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Our Stewardship Message

(January 2018)

It's a new year. It's a time when we take stock of the year past in order to improve the year to come. It's a time when we sit down to plan and implement what we want to accomplish and even change. Part of that is planning our stewardship for the coming year.

Often we find this difficult and daunting and even joyless. But it doesn't have to be. In fact, it is really quite simple and full of joy. So here are some tips to make that planning less stressful. You begin by answering these three questions: *Who are you? To whom do I give? and How much?*

So, *who are you?* The Table of Duties in the Small Catechism informs us. Are you a hearer of God's Word? Are you a citizen of society? Are you a member of a family? Stewardship covers these three estates: church, society, family. We don't particularly struggle to give to society or family. Our struggles, our difficulties and our questions arise in giving to the church.

So, what is our duty as members of the church with regard to giving? The Table of Duties, again, gives us a guide. If you are a hearer, a member of the church who receives instruction, St. Paul taught: "Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor" (Gal. 6:6). This means the local congregation is primary.

Your pastor is the one called to preach the Gospel to you and administer the Lord's blessed sacraments to you. Your congregation is the place where those things happen. Thus, when God calls us to give to the church, He has the local congregation in mind. For "the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14).

How much do we give to the local congregation? Our only instructions are these: to give regularly (1 Cor. 6:1-2), proportionally (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 8:12), and generously (2 Cor. 8:20) of our first fruits (Gen. 4:4; Prov. 3:9; Lev. 27:30) with a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor. 9:2), earnestness (2 Cor. 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor. 9:7), and love (2 Cor. 8:23).

In other words, giving to the church is not to be an afterthought, given after everything else is spent. In this way, it is deliberate. We give regularly – weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly, or yearly – keeping in mind our own strengths, weaknesses, and limitations. We set it aside beforehand – before anything else is spent.

From those first fruits, we set aside a proportionate and generous amount. Ten percent was the standard for the Israelites. This was a command for the ancient Israelites. We can give as much as we want, but ask yourself: do we really want to be less generous than was commanded of the Israelites? Is the job of the New Testament Church bigger or smaller than the job given to Israel?

And how are we to give it? We give it with eagerness and earnestness. We give it cheerfully and with love, not out of compulsion. For through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, God has made us His children, forgiven us all our sins, given us grace upon grace, promised us life everlasting with Him in His kingdom, and filled us with His own Spirit, the Holy Spirit. This makes giving a joy, as Jesus said, "it is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

It's that easy. And it is joyful. For in stewardship, our gracious and giving Lord invites us to take part in the work that He accomplishes here on earth, providing for the ongoing preaching of the gospel as well as those who are in need. Taking part in that makes all our work holy – work that is done in service to the Lord as priestly members of His kingdom.

We are "Consecrated Stewards" to the Glory of God!

God's Abundant Blessings upon Your New Year!