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Trinity Evangelical

FROM THE



PASTOR

Church Improvement

Matthew 10:34 - *“Do **not** suppose that I have come to bring **peace** to the earth. I did **not** come to bring peace, but a **sword**.”*

Dear Members of Trinity,

Over the past few years we have seen a lot of physical **improvements** in our congregation, including new **banners** and storage **cabinets**, **kitchen** upgrades, and even a new **roof**. However, as good as these improvements are, they are **not** the kind of improvements which are **eternally** important. That kind of improvement can only come in the lives of **people** - those who **believe** in Jesus, and make up the **real** Church - the Holy Christian Church. Improvements in the lives of people don't come easy. Jesus Himself said, *“Do not suppose that I have come to bring **peace** to the earth. I did **not** come to bring peace, but a sword.”*

In the weeks following the Christmas Season, having just celebrated the birth of the **Prince** of Peace, the words of this text sound somewhat strange. After all, we're not that far removed from the song of the heavenly host which proclaimed, *“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth **peace** to men on whom His favor rests,”* or from the Christmas carol which says, *“**Peace** on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”*

So, what does Jesus mean when He says, *“Do **not** suppose that I have come to bring **peace** to the earth”?* In the entire 10th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus was **instructing** His twelve apostles, and **commissioning** them to go and preach the Gospel. He didn't give them any high and mighty hopes that everyone would **welcome** them with open arms. Rather, He **warned** them, *“All men will **hate** you because of Me.”* This is the **setting** in which Jesus says, *“Do **not** suppose that I have come to bring **peace** to the earth. I did **not** come to bring peace, but a **sword**.”*

Jesus is indeed the Prince of Peace - the One who came to make peace between **God** and all **mankind**, by providing **forgiveness** for our sins. But invariably when this message of peace is boldly **proclaimed**, it causes **enmity** between people - **trouble** between those who **receive** Christ's free salvation, and those who **reject** it. Frequently throughout the New Testament age, this has resulted in bloody and bitter **persecution** against Christians.

In Matthew, chapter 10, Jesus also warned that this enmity and persecution could even cross **family** lines. Jesus said, *“**Brother** will betray **brother** to death, and a **father** his **child**: **children** will rebel against their **parents** and have them put to death ... A man's enemies will be the members of his own **household**.”* What a **strain** this places on the hearts and lives of believers. While Christianity does not result in such drastic treatment in **every** instance, any Christian whose family and relatives have been **split apart** on account of religious differences knows the **hurt** which this tension brings. Perhaps many of you have experienced it yourselves.

Jesus also said, *“Anyone who loves his father or mother **more than Me** is **not worthy** of Me; anyone who loves his son or daughter **more than Me** is **not worthy** of Me.”* These words are **straightforward** and **uncompromising**. They are words which come from the lips of a **loving** and **caring** Savior. Jesus doesn't mean to **dislodge** us from the ties which bind us to our family, but there **is** a relationship which is even **closer** than that of a family - it's our deeper relationship with **Jesus** as our **Savior**, and with all those who **confess** His name - our **spiritual family**. Regarding this spiritual family the Bible says, *“Pointing to His disciples, Jesus said, ‘**Here** are My mother and My brothers. For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My **brother** and **sister** and **mother**.’”*

While we work to spread **true** peace in the world by continuing to preach the **Gospel** of peace through our Lord Jesus, we shouldn't be too **surprised** if our message of love is at times met with **disinterest**, **indifference**, **ridicule**, **opposition**, or even outright **persecution**. Jesus Himself told us it would be that way. The devil, the world, and our sinful flesh continue to work **overtime** to keep Christians **away** from our Savior and His Word. But as a congregation, we're not going to let them slip away from Jesus without a **fight**. We're going to be giving the Holy Spirit as many opportunities as we can to **work** in our members through His **Word** and **Sacrament**, as we encourage one another to be **more faithful** in our use of these life-giving and life-maintaining resources. As we continue on into the year 2019, may we all **rededicate** our lives to the LORD, as we strive to **willingly**, **cheerfully**, **lovingly**, and **wholeheartedly** serve our Savior, and the people whom He has placed into our care.

In Christ, - Pastor Rosenow

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Jesus Cares Ministries (JCM) exists to reach out to people with special needs, their families and communities. Through Christian support we encourage Bible studies, worship, fellowship, and evangelism. We reach out to welcome and share the Gospel with everyone and especially to those in our "hidden" community. The Lord has blessed this ministry and has shown us where we have a need, how we're able to meet this need, and with His help, it will continue to grow. We are full of awe to see how God works. Come join us and our friends at the next service, **Saturday, February 9th, at 10:00 a.m.**



Worship Highlights

Come, let us worship the Lord!

God's love for us in Christ leads us to value weekly worship—the highlight of our week is to come into the Father's house, receive his saving Word and praise his holy name

Worship Schedule:

- Sunday Service, 9 am
- Wednesday Worship, 7 pm
If you are unable to attend Sunday or Wednesday Service, note the following opportunity:
Thursday worship, 4:30 pm at
Zion Lutheran Church, East Farmington
- **Choir Practice:** Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.
Consider joining the choir.

Christian Education:

Please consider one of the following Bible classes available:



- ♦ Sunday Adult Bible Class, 10:30 a.m.
Topic: "Book of Acts"
- ♦ Sunday School for children Pre-K through 8th grade, Sunday: 10:15 a.m.
- ♦ High School Youth "Inner Court," Sunday, 10:15 a.m.
- ♦ Women's Bible Study, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
All women confirmation age and older are welcome to attend.
- ♦ Ladies Bible Study, Thursday, 10 am
Topic: "Book of Leviticus"
- ♦ Catechism Class for 7th/8th Graders
Wednesday, 5:30 pm
- ♦ Men's Bible Study/Breakfast: February 16. 8 am at Redeemer Lutheran Church

**Ash Wednesday and the
Season of Lent Begins March 6**



Mission of the Month February 2019

Our Mission for the Month of February is **St. Croix Lutheran Academy**. Since 1958, SCL has been preparing young people to be successful citizens in an ever-changing world. As a Christian school, SCL takes great care in providing a Christ-centered, Bible-based education in a supportive community where students can grow spiritually, intellectually, and physically. Supported by 30 partner churches and schools (WELS/ELS), faithful benefactors, and a strong endowment, SCL is founded upon a rich history grounded in the truths of God's Word.

St. Croix Lutheran Academy is a global leader in Christian education, welcoming students in grades 6-12 from all backgrounds since 1958. The culturally-diverse community includes students from the greater Twin Cities metropolitan area, across the United States, and to date, from over 40 countries across five continents.

Located on 30 acres overlooking Thompson Lake, the campus supports the mission of educating the total student - spiritually, intellectually and physically. Here students will be part of a caring, supportive community where they will make new friends and discover their potential.

The school currently has a student body population of nearly 500 total students. For more information online go to stcroixlutheran.org.

Serving Jesus with our Gifts & Talents:

Income and expenditure information for December and for the fiscal year.

BUDGET UPDATE

	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	\$25,506	\$116,466
Expenses	\$21,219	\$105,719

Serve the Lord with Gladness!
Income and expenditure information for _____ and for the fiscal year.



Key People for February

Fellowship:

Feb. 3—Chuck & Doris Martinson
 Feb. 10—Bob & Carol Jensen
 Feb. 17—Dick & MaryLou Durand
 Feb. 24—Earl & Carole Plattner

Fellowship Coordinator—Marshal Guggisberg & Doris Martinson

Greeters:

Feb. 3—Kirk & Carol Otto
 Feb. 10—Will & Rachel Stob
 Feb. 17—Barb Hoverman & Betty Thompson
 Feb. 24—Dick & Mary Lou Durand

Ushers:

Team #3 *Jake Hoverman
 JP Hoverman
 Lyle Guggisberg
 Dick Durand
 Chris Riba
 Fred Riba



Communion:

February 3—Peggy Rydeen
 February 17—Harold & Jean Brown

February Counters:

Ron, Jo & Todd Jasperson

Enjoy a Marriage Retreat

April 5-6, 2019

Red wing, Minnesota

Living Loved: Utilizing God's Design for Connection

Cost is \$50 per couple

Register by March 15, 2019

If you would like more information, there are brochures located on the narthex table.

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Birthdays for February



Al Bader	Feb. 1
John Schannach	Feb. 1
Joshua Hoverman	Feb. 2
Brett Bader	Feb. 2
Oliver Hubred	Feb. 3
Joanne Johnson	Feb. 4
Carol Jensen	Feb. 6
Travis Hubred	Feb. 9
Dick Durand	Feb.11
Chris Riba	Feb.11
Johnny Pliscott	Feb.11
Victoria Richter	Feb.13
Doris Martinson	Feb.14
Julie Steffen	Feb.17
Donna Johnston	Feb.18
Hunter Hubred	Feb.19
Matthew Shult	Feb.21
Keaton Schams	Feb.26
Pastor David Rosenow	Feb.26

Anniversaries in February

Chuck & Doris Martinson	Feb. 7
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Please Note: If we have missed your name for a birthday or anniversary, we apologize. Please call the church office at 715-294-2828 and we will make the correction. Thank you!

Pray for Our Missionaries

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