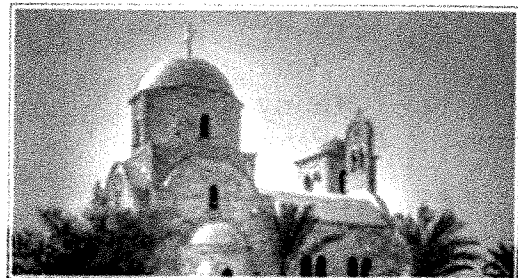


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# A Series of Services for the Season of Lent



The City of Jerusalem



Bethany



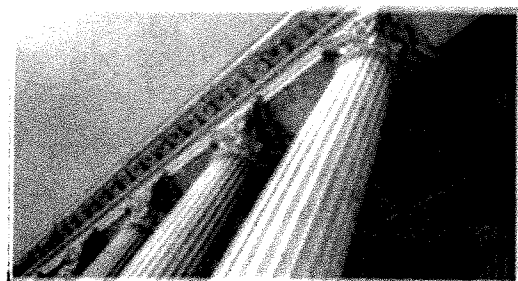
The Mount of Olives



Gethsemane



The Courtyard



Pilate's Judgment Hall

# Bethany News

Praising God Together

March 2022

## Ash Wednesday with Communion:

March 2nd:       **1:30PM** St. Peter  
                      **7:00PM** Bethany

## Mid-week Lent **6:00 PM Supper** **7:00 PM Worship**

March 9th:     St. Peter  
March 16th:   Bethany  
March 23rd:   St. Peter  
March 30th:   Bethany  
April 6th:     St. Peter

## Holy Week:

April 14th: Maundy Thursday   **7:00 PM** Bethany  
April 15th: Good Friday         **7:00 PM** St. Peter  
April 17th: Easter Sunday       **7:00 AM** Bethany  
  **10:30AM** St. Peter

**March 13th 10:30am**  
**Joint Parish Worship**  
At Bethany  
**Potluck Following**

**Please be on the  
lookout for Easter  
flower order forms in  
the narthex around the  
end of March**



**Sunday March 6th 1:00pm**  
**Game Day Event**

**Everyone is invited.**

**Bring a deck of cards or a  
Favorite game and a snack to share.**  
**Bethany will provide drinks.**

**Women's Bible Study**  
**Monday at 1:00pm**  
**March 7th & 21st**

**Set your clocks**  
**ahead 1 hour**  
**on Sunday**  
**March 13th**

There will be election of officers in April. The following positions need to be filled:

- President
- Trustees
- Elders
- Discipleship Chair

Please prayerfully  
consider volunteering for a  
position.



### Usher Schedule

March 2022 - Elwood & Char Gnotke

April 2022 - Bob Roschen & Fred Day

May 2022 - Greg Holmstadt & Dale Lee

June 2022 - Neil Stehr & Andy Franz

July 2022 - Chuck Holmstadt & Roger Edwards

### Elder Schedule – March 2022

Wednesday March 2nd 7pm (Ash Wednesday) - Greg Holmstadt

Sunday March 6th 9am - Chuck Holmstadt

Sunday March 20th 9am - Bob Schmidt

### Reader Schedule – March 2022

3/2/22 7pm (Ash Wednesday) - Pastor

3/6/22 9am - Sharon Tackmann

3/13/22 9am - Bob Roschen

3/20/22 9am - Sharon Tackmann

3/27/22 9am - Sue Blumberg

### Acolyte Schedule – March 2022

3/02/22 7pm Ash Wed Worship with Communion - Olivia Ohlhaber

3/06/22 9am Worship with Communion - Adam Bolduan

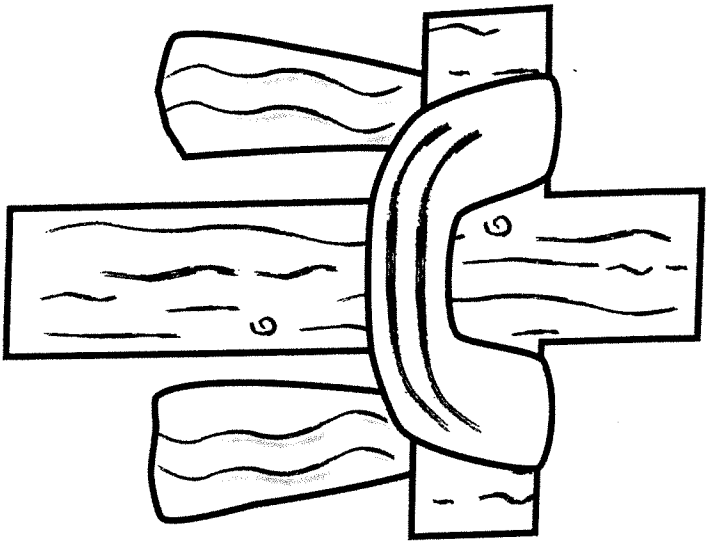
3/13/22 10:30am Joint Parish Worship - Tyler Nolan

3/16/22 7pm Lenten worship - Simon Brand

3/20/22 9am Worship with Communion - Aiyana Scolley

3/27/22 9am Worship - Aiden Scolley

3/30/22 7pm Lenten Worship - Olivia Ohlhaber



Find all ten words:

- Jesus
- Lent
- Ash
- Wednesday
- Dust
- Prayer
- Alms
- Fasting
- Sacrifice
- Purple

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Unscramble these Lenten Words

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HSESA \_\_\_\_\_

NLJTE \_\_\_\_\_

TISFGNA \_\_\_\_\_

One thing I can do during Lent to  
bring me closer to God...



### What's happening?



Latvian Archbishop Janis Vanags (right) and Rev. Kraulins, LELB Director of Church Relations attend Symposia at CTSFW and join LCMS Pres. Harrison for the March for Life.



Three generations commune with Jesus Christ on Christmas Eve.



Above: Ghanan Bishop John Donkoh sent this photo after receiving cases of specific texts for African seminarians. This effort was coordinated by OIM's Eurasia & Africa regions and Westfied House. Below: Six children receive their first Holy Communion after months of catechetical instruction.



Serving the Lord for Eurasia

## Go Big or Go Home.

“Where there is no prophetic vision, the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law” (Prov. 29:18 ESV). This proverb, variously translated, says that those without a vision from the word of God are not guided by it. Such people and ministries (!) will perish. This is in keeping with Ps. 127:1: “Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.” But its that second part of verse 18 that really sets the vision: “blessed is he who keeps the *Torah*.” Ah, the *Torah*, not merely the law, but the great promises of Gospel that frame and drive the Bible’s story. What kind of vision does one get from the biblical gospel? The expansion of the kingdom of God through conversions and allegiance to Jesus Christ. That vision should be grand, even if our own contributions be never so humble. Each has their part to play and together the vision is grand: “Make disciples of all *ethnos* (every ethnic people, age notwithstanding) by baptizing them into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matt. 28:19 my translation). A contemporary way to express this kingdom vision to make disciples is: Go big or go home.

The provision for LCMS missions in 2021 was unprecedented. Your prayers, support and generosity have facilitated opportunities to “go big” a reality. In the last issue, we reported on three expanding opportunities. The



Operation Overlord team brainstorming at Trinity Lutheran, Berlin, Germany.



Luther Academy faculty (Jēkabs Jurdzs, Rinalds Grants and Pr John), with Prof. Art Just hasten through the streets of Rīga before the Covid curfew starts.



Pr John sharing the good news of Christ on Issues, Etc. and "Coffee Hour" at the KFUE studios in St. Louis during the Making Disciples for Life conference, where he was the Plenary Speaking, giving an address on the greatest challenge to making disciples abroad.



Eurasia Team members Peggy Krikava (CZ), Tyler McMiller (Italy), Jēkabs Jurdzs (Latvia) Cory and Jenny Rajek (Latvia), with Pr John, pose with OIM Global Director of Theological Education Dr. Art & Linda Just (CTSFW), Wilhelm Weber (SELK), and four representatives of the Swedish Lutheran Church during an intensive study at the Old Latin School. The next study week intensive will take place in Riga and Saldus, Latvia, 2-9 April, with at least twelve nations represented, including newcomer Estonia and a student from Nepal.

first endeavor was the Rīga Luther Academy. In March, leadership from the Academy and the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church and the LCMS Office of International Mission will meet in Wittenberg to explore opportunities to broach faithful pastoral training into new domains. Please pray for a shared vision so that we may aid our Latvian partners and accomplish the mission of training evangelists, church planters, and skilled servants of the Church.

The second endeavor was initiated by Gottfried Martens (Berlin) and missionary Rev. Christian Tiewes (Hanover) to bring the gospel and true biblical instruction to Farsi speaking people in Europe, but also Iran. That works has expanded to include voiceovers in Urdu for Pakistan. Three "beta" videos, under the project name "Operation Overlord," are now in production. If these prove successful in terms of response, then a series on the Small Catechism will be initiated. The work coordinates the Communications Team at the IC in St. Louis, the Eurasia Region of OIM, CTSFW and our partners in SELK. It is estimated that the potential audience for these videos could number in the millions. The vision includes networking pastors for discipleship and connecting respondents with existing churches This work is going big, big time.

The third endeavor focuses on Pakistan and the ever-expanding work of Rev. Jay Dass and Deacon Samson Sohail. What seemed like a quaint attempt to reintroduce biblical Christianity to Pakistanis in Islamabad has become a huge opportunity. Now there are four cities involved, the training of eleven persons, two existing congregations learning the Small Catechism and the Augsburg Confession, and standing up three church plants. OIM and the Eurasia Region have been emboldened to engage this ministry with gusto. Meanwhile, all

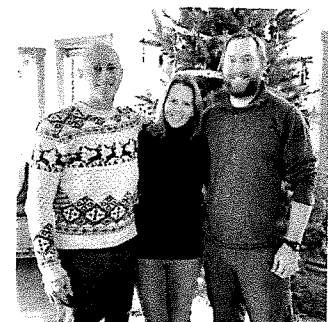
cylinders are firing in Luther Academy's fourth semester. While we pray for peace regarding Putin's aspirations for Ukraine, this will not end work in any location, even Ukraine. To be sure, the work may be hampered, but we are resolved to witness to Jesus no matter what geo-political machinations materialize. The word of the Lord will endure forever.



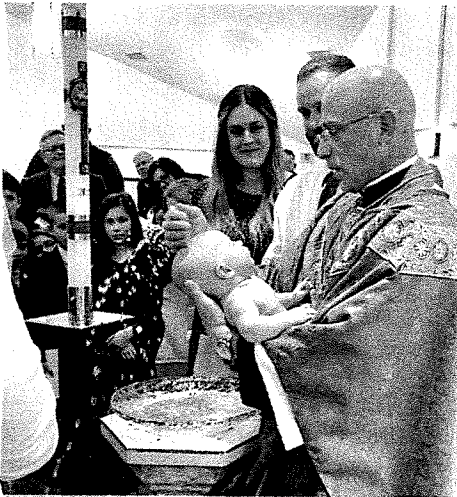
Missionaries gather for an address by Latvian Archbishop Vanags about gospel suffering.



Pinkī, Latvia local business owner Valija grateful that Christians continue to meet.



New Eurasia missionary Mark Winterstein (Leipzig)



The saints at Blessed Sacrament gather for the Holy Baptism of baby boy, Wiley — the first baby born in this mission church.



Bombaro kids greet Sophia after her first semester at Hillsdale. She is studying to serve the Church.

**UPCOMING:** Video & Audio production for Farsi/Urdu videos in Ontario and StL. Assessing ministries needs in Italy (March). Spring intensive Rīga & Saldus, Latvia (April). Pakistan in-person training, along with engaging our longest standing international mission in Nagercoil, India (May).

**Please pray** that students overcome travel obstacles to Latvia; Pray for the Eurasia Team, and new members to the Team. **Pray** for the success and influence of the gospel work promoting Jesus Christ in Pakistan and India. Pray especially for Rev. Dass and Julie, and Deacon Samson Sohail. **Pray** for Sophia at Hillsdale College.

**Blessed Sacrament Lutheran Church** — The successful mission

congregation, which is now an established and chartered parish of the English District, LCMS, is poised to call its first full-time pastor next week, relieving Pr John of vacancy duties. The Bombaro family has been grateful for the love, care, hospitality and vision of the saints at Blessed Sacrament during our work building curriculum for the Rīga Luther Academy. Thank you for your amazing support of LCMS missions and OIM missionaries.



Spanish Lutheran Bishop Jose Luis and Romanian missionary Rev. Sorin Trifa, and Madrid missionary Rev. Isaac Machado.

*Thanks to each of you, our loving supporters, for your prayers and gifts to allow us to be laborers of the Lord's harvest. Special winter 2021/2022 appreciation for everyone at Mission Central for coordinating their amazing Thanksgiving support for missions and to all of you for giving and asking how to help with the work in Eurasia. Thank you and we love you!*

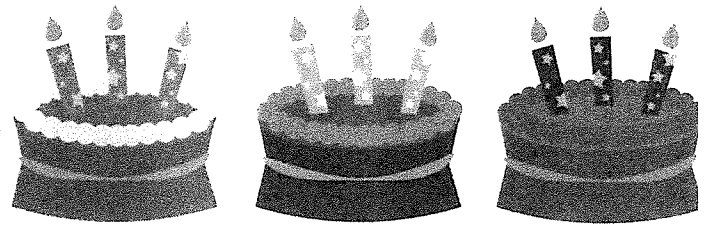
• We are proudly supported by YOU! Please send tax-deductible contributions to: **Mission Central, 40718 Highway E 16, Mapleton, Iowa** (memo-line must include Bombaro/Latvia) or

• <https://missioncentral.us/bombaro/> Give securely from any device [www.lcms.org/bombaro](http://www.lcms.org/bombaro). Thank you!

# Happy Anniversary To:

**Ron & Donna Mae Lange 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Robert & Penny Linder 31<sup>st</sup>**



**Bethany Lutheran Church  
Pastor Steven Frentz**

**9:00am Sunday Worship Service**

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Bob Schmidt 651-345-2524

Elwood Gnotke 651-345-2116

Chuck Holmstadt 651-448-1189

# March Birthdays!

**Nancy Cliff 5**

**Nancy Sommerfield 5**

**Nate Anderson 7**

**Wyatt Bolduan 7**

**Deidre Lutjen 9**

**Paul Stehr 10**

**Chuck Holmstadt 12**

**Peg McKinnon 15**

**Taylor Heise 17**

**Anthony Robb 17**

**Amy Heise 22**

**Ruth Lombard 22**

**Jeff Brand 23**

**Tammy Lee 23**

**Verna Koenig 24**

**Carter Lutjen 25**

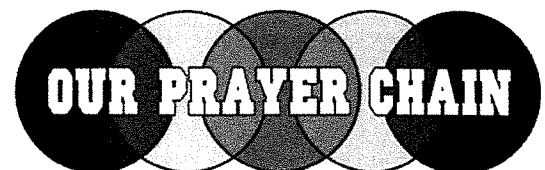
**Ron Lange 26**

**William Mundstock 26**

**Char Selvig 27**

**Alex Buck 28**

**Judy Glander 28**



Send an email to

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to join!



# St. Peter's News

St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
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March  
EVENTS  
March 2022

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## March Worship Assistants

Altar Care: Elaine Burfiend & Barb Hadler  
Elder: Jim Hansen

## Remember in Prayer...

Please keep in your prayers:



Delmar Hinck  
Ashley Sexton  
Stanley Diercks



## Mite Box Dedication

After hearing the story of the widow's mite in Sunday School, the kids were given a Children's Mite Box to take home to put their coins. On Sun, March 20 they'll bring their offerings of mites to Sunday School & collect them in the large Mite Box for dedication during the service. If anyone has mite monies to add to this collection, please put it in the large Mite Box in the church entry. Empty boxes are available in the entry. The LWML Mite Box ministry supports the work of missionaries around the world as they spread the Good News of Jesus to all nations. Be a part of this Great Commission effort!

## Foodshelf Month

Throughout March St. Peter's will be collecting monetary donations in support of the foodshelf.

## March Council Meeting

Council meets Monday, March 7 at 7:00PM. Let a council member know if you have a topic for discussion. Council: Jonathan Huneke, Kevin Paradis, Jim Hansen, Marty Kehren, Becca Bol-lum, Brock Marklevits & Paul Burfeind.



## Worship Schedule

9:30AM Sunday School

10:30AM Sunday Worship

Communion is the first & third  
Sundays of each month.

## Ash Wednesday Worship - March 2nd

1:30PM with communion at St. Peter's  
7:00PM with communion at Bethany

## Mid-Week Lent Worship

March 9 - 7:00PM at St. Peter's

March 16 - 7:00pm at Bethany

March 23 - 7:00pm at St. Peter's

March 30 - 7:00pm at Bethany

April 6 - 7:00pm at St. Peter's

## Lenten Suppers

Prior to our mid-week Lent worship services  
all are invited to supper at 6PM.

March 9: Mary Martha providing supper

March 23: OPEN - Sign up at church!

April 6: Youth Group providing supper

## Joint Parish Worship

March 13th at 9AM we will have joint worship  
at Bethany Lutheran Church. No worship or  
Sunday school at St. Peter's that day.

# Youth Information



## Sunday School Schedule

9:30AM Sunday School  
PreK through 8th grades

If you are able to teach please let Jackie know (651) 385-0176 - jackiebetcher@gmail.com or sign up via the link she emailed to all parents. Children are welcome to join at anytime of the year!

No Sunday School March 13th due to joint worship at Bethany.

## March Acolytes

March 6: Aaron Betcher

Wed, March 9: Everett Hadler

March 20: Ayva Marklevits

Wed, March 23: Madeline Kehren

March 27: Ella Juers

\*Schedules are located at the back of church

## Sunday School Mission Project

The Sunday school children chose Feed My Starving Children as our mission project for the year. Monetary donations can be sent with the kids each Sunday or made online with our team link. For every \$88 raised we feed 1 child for a year. The kids will be packaging meals and delivering the donations on May 14th at 2pm in Chanhassen. Please sign up via the link that Jackie emailed. Children K-3rd grade must be accompanied by an adult (1 adult to 1 child ratio), grades 4-6th are 1:3 ratio.

## Youth Group

Youth Group will have their monthly meeting at St. Peter's on March 20 after 10:30am worship.

## Cook Off Challenge Update

We had our Tator Tot Cook off with approximately 60 people in attendance. First place went to Kevin Paradis, 2nd place to Lane & Faith Bol-lum and 3rd place to Marti & Harvey Huneke. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all of the participants. A free will offering was taken for "Feed My Starving Children" with \$112 collected. Thanks to all! It was a fun event!

# Mission Info.



Vicar Matthew Cephus who came and spoke at St. Peter's during worship in January will be traveling to Liberia again in March, for an annual church conference gathering with the Royal Family churches. This conference will be a time of teaching, preaching and equipping the saints. Before the conference, there will be a youth camp—Youth Care International which is an outreach program that reaches young kids from various communities in Liberia with the gospel—through the means of VBS, workshops and other learning activities. During this upcoming VBS/camp, they will be feeding 250 kids for 4 days and 3 nights. Likewise, during their annual church conference they will also be feeding about 500 congregants for one week and providing them with safe drinking water. Vicar Cephus is asking our congregation to please partner with them prayerfully and financially in this mission work—making disciples of all nations. Any amount of gift and donation will be used to put a smile on the face of a child and will surely help to reach someone with the gospel. Donations can be put in our offering bucket at the front door with Royal Family in the memo line or sent directly to:


Royal Family Fellowship Int'l P.O. Box 335  
Champlin, MN 55316

## Birthdays in March

March 1: Shelby Augustine & Joseph Buck	March 20: Mark Dicke
March 7: Jesse Hadler	March 21: Logan Hadler
March 11: Marty Kehren	March 23: Peggy Reincke & Ethan & Isabella Paradis
March 12: Brenda Betcher	March 25: Arlan Betcher & Barb Kehren
March 13: Kevin Watson	March 26: Gerhardt Kohrs
March 17: Tim Watson	March 28: Alexander Buck
March 19: Stephanie Nash	

# Bethany Lutheran Church – We are on Facebook, look for: Bethany Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 9:00am Worship with Holy Communion Sunday school	7 1:00pm Women's Bible Study	8 9 Lenten Worship 6:00pm Supper 7:00pm Worship at St. Peter	10 16 Lenten Worship 6:00pm Supper 7:00pm Worship at Bethany Council Meeting following worship	11 23 Lenten Worship 6:00pm Supper 7:00pm Worship at St. Peter	12 30 Lenten Worship 6:00pm Supper 7:00pm Worship at Bethany	
13 Mission Sunday Dual Parish Joint Worship at Bethany 10:30am Worship Sunday school Potluck following worship- daylight savings time starts set clocks ahead one hour	14 1:00pm Women's Bible Study	15 22 29	17 24 31	18 25	19 26	
20 9:00am Worship with Holy Communion Sunday school 11:30am Joint youth group at St. Peter	21 1:00pm Women's Bible Study	22 29	24 31	25	26	
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