

February 2019 Scribe Newsletter

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Pastor Tim’s Thoughts—February 2019

Traditions

Our Thursday Bible Studies for the past several months have taken us on a tour of a series of books and documents called “The Apocrypha.” Some of these texts are still well-known and recognized by some Christian churches today, especially some that are included in the Roman Catholic Old Testament. Many apocryphal texts – especially those written after the time of Jesus, for instance – are not included in *any* Christian Bibles. Nonetheless, it has been interesting to learn about how many traditions of faith stem from these apocryphal texts. The festival of Hanukkah, which comes from the books of the Maccabees, for instance. Or the tradition that St. Peter was crucified upside-down. Or really any stories about Joseph at all. These traditions and many more come through these obscure texts that many – if not most – of us have never read.

Traditions hold an important place in our faith lives, however. They provide a rhythm to our year, and a way to remember important figures in history. Reformation Sunday, or All Saints' Sunday, or even my own Dr. Seuss Sunday (*coming March 3rd!*) are examples of these traditions that we hold dear.

In mid-February, we come across another traditional event: St. Valentine's Day. Interestingly, however, the person for whom this event is celebrated has little to *nothing* to do with the lovey-dovey atmosphere the day now requires. In fact, it seems that St. Valentine (actually, there were *several* St. Valentine's) was martyred for his faith in the late third century – hardly a romantic story! But instead of remembering this saint's life on this day, February 14th became a day that was recognized in medieval England and France as the day(ish) when birds would find a mate. Chaucer even wrote poetry about it, linking it to “Seynt Valentyne's Day.” And thus it was that this day's origins were forgotten, replaced by a more pleasant tale. And the tradition has continued ever since.

I'm not really advocating for reviving the original macabre atmosphere of St. Valentine's Day, but I do hope that this tale might encourage you to look into other traditions that you celebrate. How did they start? What did they mean when they began? What about now? Has anything changed? I hope this can be a fun exercise for you to do... perhaps even over a candlelight dinner with a close friend on February 14th!

Peace,
Pastor Tim

Faith Formation News—February 2019

Sunday School Calendar

Our elementary school-aged students and their teachers are loving the All-In-One Sunday School Curriculum. Won't you join us one Sunday? Bring your kids...or your neighbors' kids... or just yourself!

Sundays Winter 2019

January 13

January 20

January 27

February 3

February 10

February 17

Lesson

Jesus, Our Light

A Father's Faith

Fruit of the Spirit: Love

God Guides “Joy”

Fruit of the Spirit: Peace

Fruit of the Spirit: Patience, Faithfulness

February 24	Fruit of the Spirit: Kindness, Gentleness, Goodness
March 3	Fruit of the Spirit: Self-Control
March 10	God's Gift of Forgiveness
March 17	God Guides "Calming the Storm"
March 24	No Sunday School – Spring Break
March 31	No Sunday School – Spring Break
April 7	The Trust Test
April 14 (Palm Sunday)	The Silliest Donkey
April 21 (Easter)	No Sunday School – Brunch between services
April 28	Easter Joy!
May 5	You've Got the Power
May 12 (Mother's Day)	A Little Love and Kindness

Social Ministry News—February 2019

Lenten Hunger Focus

Ash Wednesday is on March 6th, and Christ the King will be again focusing some efforts on ELCA World Hunger. Stay tuned for details in the March *Scribe*, bulletins, and/or announcements! In the meantime, you can always look at ways to explore your own Lenten journey at www.elca.org.

CtK Missions – Guatemala

SUPPORT NEEDED FOR GUATEMALA TRIP PARTICIPANTS

In about four months, ten members of Christ the King Lutheran Church will join members from Our Savior's Lutheran Church (Stillwater, MN) in Guatemala for a week-long visit with our ministry partners. This will be CtK's third delegation to visit Iglesia San Juan Bautista in Zaculeu, Guatemala. Our trip there this year will once again focus primarily on building relationships – that is, simply spending time together. Fundraisers to help the participants will be announced soon, but we are now looking for sponsors who might be willing to Adopt a Missionary. What does that entail? It would mean you would agree to support one missionary in all kinds of ways: prayer, visits, thinking-of-you notes, and – yes – perhaps financial support as well. If you are interested in serving in this way, please let Pastor Tim know. Thank you all for your prayers and support for our ministry partners!

Bible Studies—February 2019

February's Bible Studies

Circle of Contemplative Prayer

The Circle of Contemplative Prayer meets on Mondays from 5:30-7:15pm in the Chapel. We are currently studying through “personal reflections.” For more information, contact Sharyn Butler.

Great Ol' Broads of God (GoBoGs)

GoBoGs invites you to join them in study and fellowship. They meet at CtK in the classrooms W6/W7 each Monday from 4:00-5:30 pm. (The first Monday of each month is dedicated to Share The Care, GoBoGs' outreach mission.) They are currently studying “An Altar in the World” by Barbara Brown Taylor. Please join them for study sessions that are deeply rewarding. For more information, contact Lynda Morris.

Midweek Bible Study led by Pastor Tim

The class meets each Thursday from 12:00 noon—1:00 pm. Bring your lunch and join us for engaging discussion on a variety of topics. Currently, the group is in a course called “The Apocrypha.” For more information, call the church office at 247-5310.

Khuvara (“Circle of Friends”)

The Khuvara Women's Group are currently reading the book “Love Wins” by Rob Bell. All women are welcome, and we gladly invite new members to join us. We meet each Thursday at 1:30 pm in the CtK Library. For more information, contact Stella Welcher.

Spiritual Study Group (SSG)

Currently the Spiritual Study Group is reading and discussing “Love Without Limits” *Jesus' Radical Vision for Love with No Exceptions* written by author, Jacqueline A. Bussie. Please join us for lively, enriching discussions! The Spiritual Study Group meets weekly on Thursdays at 3:00 pm in the Welcome Center. For more information, contact Aurora Rose.

Women's Group—February 2019

Women of CtK Meet next on Saturday, February 2nd

The women's group offers a number of fellowship opportunities throughout each month. This month, join women of CtK for an outdoor expedition (details to follow) on Saturday, February 9th. The group will meet at 9:30am that day at the Durango Joes at Towne Plaza. We'll also have "Girl's Night Out" on Friday, February 22nd at 5:00 PM at Los Amigos in the Main Street Mall. Please TEXT Monie Schlarb for more info: 970-764-0226.

Regular monthly meetings provide an opportunity to enjoy fellowship and support with and from our sisters and friends at CtK. Please plan to join us at our next meeting on Saturday morning February 2nd at 9 AM for food, fellowship and devotions. It is a treat to get to know each other better.

See you there!
WELCA officers and Women of CtK

Fellowship Groups—February 2019

Fellowship Group News

CtK Piecemakers

The Piecemakers would like to say THANK YOU for your generous support during our sale in October! With the proceeds from the sale, we'll be able to continue supplying quilts to be used for baptisms, the sick and elderly, as well as for various mission projects for those in need here at home and abroad. We could not do what we do without your support! We've had two of our Piecemakers relocate out of state recently. Please consider joining us! For more information, call Judy Danielson by calling her at the Durango Quilt Company at 247-2582. The quilters meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 9:30 am until 2:00 pm in the CtK Community Hall. Come check us out!"

CtK Book Club

The CtK Book Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 3:00 pm in the CtK Library. Our next meeting is on Thursday, February 14th, and our book discussion will focus on poetry – all kinds, your choice. Our upcoming reading list is as follows: March 14th, "The Dry" by Jane Harper; April 11th, "The President is Missing" by Clinton & Patterson; May 9th, "Keeper of the House" by Shirley Ann Grau. And remember, you are invited to drop in at any time and join us for some lively and enriching literary discussions—new members are always warmly welcomed! Please call Stella Welcher for more information.

Prayer Requests—February 2019

In Our Prayers

Please keep the following Military men and women in your prayers...

To add or remove names from this list, please contact Janeann Jones

- Major Ryan Bankhead—Brother of Eryn Orłowski
- Sgt. John Dee—Son in-law of Wendy Krull
- Sgt. Chris Gomez—Nephew of BJ and Danny Pierce
- Senior Airman Paul Herr—Nephew of Gary & Carol Orłowski
- Hugh Jones, Jr. Sailor—Son of Rick & Janeann Jones
- Sgt. Brandon Minser —Son in-law of Wendy Krull
- LCDR Andy Schaaf—Son of Merilee and Mark Fleming
- Major Clayton Stransky—Nephew of Kip and Laura Stransky
- Staff Sgt. Stephen Van Dover—Nephew of Nancy Van Dover

CtK Family & Friends Who Are in Need of Prayer...

To add or remove names from this list, please contact Linda White

- Mandy & Maggie Gardner
- Larry Rardin
- Beverly and Paul Dittmer
- Mary Southworth
- Darlene Warring
- Andrea Witkowski
- Bonnie Rossmiller
- Shirley Buslee
- LuLu Mae Hess
- Lucille Ball
- Janet Evers, mother of Mike Johnson
- Paul Schnackenberg, brother of Carroll Groeger
- Stephanie Williams
- Aria Yazzie
- Lauren Rardin
- Bev Brown
- Lori Lachelt
- Kayla Hefner
- Carol Gunderson
- Lou Steele
- CtK's ministry and partnership with both the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, AZ and San Juan Bautista Lutheran Church in Zaculeu, Guatemala.
- CtK's Homebound Ministry! and all those who serve our homebound members through this ministry.
- Paul Gebo who will soon be undergoing the "Call Process" for his first call.

- Mandy Gardner, CtK's Director of Faith Formation. She is currently in the Endorsement Phase of the Associate in Ministry program--her Approval Interview is in March.
 - All those battling mental illness and addictions.
 - Each person in our CtK church family
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