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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12:00 noon Fellowship Group at Basher's	2	3
4 9:00 am-Sunday School 10:15 am-Worship Fellowship following Evangelism & Mission Meeting in Lounge	5	6 9:30 am-Bible Study— Lounge 7pm Christian Ed.	7 6:15 –8:00 pm, Women's Bible Study 6:30-8:00 pm Men's Bible Study	8	9	10
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Moral Living

“Oh, I’m sorry, Pastor. If I would have known you were in the room I would not have cussed.”
“Pardon me! I was not aware that you were a pastor. If I had realized who you were, I would not have told that lewd story!” I regularly hear comments like this, but these apologies are not unique because I am a pastor. Personally, I have heard remarks like this since the time I repented of my sins and trusted in Jesus as my Lord. And, I believe that any genuine Christian will hear statements like these. Individuals sometimes make these comments out of respect and sometimes they share them sarcastically, but regardless of the attitude in which they are shared, they are made by people because they believe there is a connection with moral living and Christians. They are right to believe so.

Why is there that connection between following Jesus and living morally? The Bible teaches that the ability to discern right from wrong that is imprinted in each of our consciences comes from God (Romans 2:14-15). However, genuine Christianity also makes it clear that no one on earth lives morally throughout his or her life and therefore, we each must face the consequences of breaking God’s just law. This is why Christians rejoice in and proclaim the good news of the gospel! The bad news is that because each one of us has broken God’s law, we are faced with God’s righteous judgment – eternal separation from God. But the good news is that a person can be saved from judgment and restored to a right relationship with God through the work of the single person who lived in total obedience to God – Jesus.

The good news of the gospel is that people can be restored to a relationship with God not through good works, or good morals, or even good religion but only through grace by faith in Jesus. This is why grace is amazing, for it takes those who have denied and offended the holy, pure, and good God through immoral living and puts them in a relationship with God in which they are accepted and approved. This happens through God placing their sins and the consequences of them upon Jesus who, as fully human and fully God was able to be our representative. “For our sake [God] made [Jesus] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Now, if Christians are saved through grace, not through works, why should they live morally according to God’s law? A passage that is central to understanding this is Ephesians 5. At the start of this passage there is an exhortation to be like God. “Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children” (Ephesians 5:1). The passage then goes on to describe this lifestyle of moral living that is to be a part of every Christian’s life but not



Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, and ends 40 days later on the Saturday before Easter. It offers each of us an occasion to be intentional in furthering our walk with Christ through worship, study, and reflection as we remember Jesus' journey to the cross.

This Lenten season, I would encourage you to attend the special worship services (Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday) and also to be intentional about your spiritual growth.

For those that are in Christ, there is an ongoing sanctification (growth in Christlikeness) occurring in our lives that is empowered by the Holy Spirit and fueled by our study of God's Word. Think of it as a stove – the fire is the Holy Spirit and the wood is God's Word. The more we feed ourselves with God's Word the more the Holy Spirit will burn in our lives and transform our character

This Lenten season I would encourage you to remove some things in your life and replace them with a time of prayer and study of God's Scripture. Let me suggest a few areas to "fast" from:

- TV Shows
- Movies
- Video / Computer Games
- Facebook
- Magazines
- One Meal a week



Christians are never called to empty their minds. No, instead we are called to fill our minds with Christ (Philippians 4:9). Therefore, do not merely stop these activities but also replace the times spent on these with God's Word. One practical way my family is growing in this is through our dinner time. We strive to sit down every night for a family meal (and give up many things to do so). After praying and talking about the day (and eating) we spend time studying and memorizing God's Word. It has become a time where our family's faith is fueled.

One additional reminder, Lent for many has become a religious ritual (or work) that people participate in with the false hope of earning a better standing with God. Please remember, our standing before God comes through faith alone in Jesus Christ. But, those that are saved are motivated by the gospel to grow in their sanctification! "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit" (1 Peter 3:18).

In Jesus,

Handwritten signature of Pastor Aaron

Pastor Aaron

P.S. On the back of this page is a graphic that can help visualize what we are to fill our mind with this Lenten season and throughout life.

"Awake, O Sleeper, and arise from the dead and Christ will shine upon you" (Ephesians 5:17).



THINK ON THESE THINGS
PHILIPPIANS 4:8

ἀρετή (EXCELLENCE)

Moral goodness, graciousness and virtue.
"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." (1 PETER 2:9)

ἀληθῆ (TRUE)

Thoughts, deeds and disposition that accord with reality.
"Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth." (JOHN 17:17)

ἀγνά (PURE)

Holy and pure and free from any defilement.
"Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." (1 TIMOTHY 4:12)

εὐφημα (COMMENDABLE)

Worthy, kind and unlikely to give offence.

προσφιλή (LOVELY)

Pleasing, acceptable and worthy of embrace.

σεμνά (HONORABLE)

Serious, respectable and dignified.
"Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness." (TITUS 2:2)

ἔπαινος (WORTHY OF PRAISE)

Acknowledgement of what deserves commendation.
"And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment ... to the glory and praise of God." (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-11)

δίκαια (JUST)

Righteous and innocent in the eyes of God.
"Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." (GALATIANS 3:11)

General Information and Announcements

GROW: Women's Bible Study - Still time to join

A Women's Bible Study on the life of Jesus started February 8th. It meets Wednesday nights from 6:15-8PM in the church lounge. If you are interested please contact Jayne Purchla (333-0060) or Danielle Oredson (384-3494).



Men—Looking to grow...?

Discipleship groups are now available. These are small groups (3-4 men) that meet regularly to study God's Word and to encourage one another. The Wednesday night Bible study from 6:30-8PM on the book of Revelation has room for a few more men. Contact Pastor Aaron about the discipleship groups and Scott Glende (507-323-4243) about the Revelation Bible Study.

SERVE: Reaching Children and Families

God has opened the door for us to begin to serve many of the children and families in the community. On Wednesdays there is a need for tutoring for Elementary Students from Jefferson. At Saint Luke's from about 3-5PM each Wednesday, we could provide a healthy snack, tutors, and a short Bible Study. Would you be a part of starting this community service? If you are interested please Pastor Aaron know. We need another 2-4 tutors before we can start with a group of 8-10 students.

WORSHIP: Maundy Thursday Service , April 5, 6:30-7:15PM

The name "Maundy Thursday" comes from the Latin *mandatum novum*, referring to the "new commandment" Jesus taught his disciples (John 13:34). Join us as we look towards the cross and remember Jesus' sacrificial love and how this love transforms his followers.

WORSHIP: Good Friday Service , April 6, 6:30-7:15PM

This day is called Good Friday because of what Jesus' death means for the redemption of the world. *"We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all"* (Isaiah 53:6).

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Sunday School—Parent Connection

We are in our 5th week of Sunday school for this session studying 'Parable Quest'. We enjoy having your child a part of our Sunday mornings.

This spring we are excited to have Mary Howells and Cindy Glende leading the children in an Easter Play that will be performed at church on April 1st, Palm Sunday. We are practicing every Sunday for this special event and would ask that you would be committed to bringing your child to Sunday school so they can participate in the performance on April 1st, 2012.

Dates to remember:

- March 18th-Special Sunday
- April 1st-Easter Play performed during church
- April 8th-Easter Sunday

Scholarships: St. Luke's Church Endowment Fund Scholarship applications are now being accepted for the **2011-2012** school year. The due date for these applications is **MARCH 31, 2012.** Application forms are available in the Narthex and from the church office. Applicants must be confirmed members of St. Luke's, whose parents/guardians have been members in good standing for the last 3 years. Applicants must be full-time students and may apply for up to 5 years. **First year applicants** are required to submit a 250 word essay about themselves, career choice, etc. and are also required to show evidence of at least 20 hours of service/participation at St. Luke's Church between time of confirmation and scholarship application. **Other applicants** must submit a short essay outlining their continuing Christian involvement wherever they may be located. **Please see detailed eligibility rules available with the application form.**

WANTED: Saint Luke's Artists: Have you been enjoying the fantastic display of bird carvings in the Narthex? These are carved and painted by one of the very talented members of Saint Luke's. His talent is truly a gift from God. We are looking for others amongst us who have talents and gifts to share. Maybe it's painting, or sculpting, or needle work, or crafting, or woodworking, or....? Age is no limit—young or older. If you have a gift you are willing to share—or if you know someone who does and is too shy to come forward, please talk to Lila Schmidtke.



Special Sunday—Family Craft

March Birthdays

- 1 Austin Simota
- 2 Dean Drager
- 3 Ruth Lockerby
- 4 Mia Peters
Alexis Soderberg
Jada Affangranger
- 6 Orland Anderka
- 8 Dale Morsching
- 9 James Sande
- 11 Kyle Schulz
- 12 Brooke Drager
- 14 Braden Glende
Beverly Draheim
- 15 Marjory Purfeerst
Allison Drager
- 18 Ted Wunderlich
Tacie Devasir
- 19 Richard Pirkl
- 20 August Bauer
- 21 Ken Soderberg
- 22 Chloe Soderberg
- 23 Kaitlyn Limon
- 28 Timothy Morgan
- 29 Robert Fielitz
- 30 Ravi Lebgue

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SHARE: Minnesota Teen Challenge

Thank you to everyone who brought food, gave financially, prayed, and served during the service with Minnesota Teen Challenge. What a blessing to hear about lives being changed by Jesus!



Thank You Notes Received

Dear St. Luke's Church,

Thank you so much for having Minnesota Teen Challenge at your church. I appreciated the time Pastor Aaron took before the service to greet our students, and to pray for them after the service. Your congregation and ministry team were very welcoming, and they made us feel like we were home.

The meal that was prepared was amazing! Our students really appreciate a well prepared meal. Thank you for all of the wonderful dishes that were prepared for us. We had some great conversations with different members in your church, and it feels like you have a solid congregation.



God is truly using our partnership with your church to change lives for eternity. God bless you all. I pray that God brings hungry hearts to your growing church!

Terrence Gibbons, Assistant Dean

Dear St. Luke's Church,

Thanks so much for the beautiful bunch of flowers you sent me! I really appreciate it! Hope to see you soon.

Ardith Ostlund

Dear St. Luke's,

Thank you for the gifts this Christmas.

A Blessing Tree family from within the church.

Notice:

Giving away to a good home! HP Deskjet 1050 All-In-One Printer. Print Copy & Scanning ability. Less than a year old and barely used. Prints color copies Has full color ink cartridge installed. Will need a black cartridge. Works great but I needed to upgrade to a larger printer. It is in my office at church for anyone who would like to look at it. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at **507-323-5705**

Kim Ostlund

Weekly Attendance

Worship	1/1	1/8	1/15	1/22	1/29	2/5	2/23	2/19
	82	105	104	104	91	94	155	101
Sunday School	—	—	30	30	23	30	25	36

SERVE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Lay Lectors</u>	<u>Coffee Hosts</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
Leader (Contact for schedule changes)	<i>Richard Hansen</i> <i>507-384-7485</i>	<i>Evangelism Committee</i> <i>TBD</i>	<i>Office</i> <i>507-334-6608</i>	<i>Brooksie Moravec</i> <i>507-210-2695</i>	
March 4	Church Council	Marian Bahl Ruth Holm	Mark Swedberg	Sandy Swedberg, Dawn Dailey, M. Delperdang	Kelly Koltav Teegan Koltav
March 11	M. Delperdang, D. Daily, Bill Skarupa, Tim Morgan	Dave & Hunter Brauer	Babe Nordgard	Frank & Barb Schoen Shelly Breitenfeldt	
March 18	O. Anderka, D. Leppert J. Hachfeld, R. Hansen	Jada & Will Affantranger	Michelle Phillips	Lila Schmidtke, Joan Kiekenapp, D. Oredson (Nelson's Rolls)	Laura Hardy Gena Purchla
March 25	Dean & Jackie Remme Frank & Barb Schoen	Kari & Mickey Casper	Adil Lebgue	Brooksie Moravec Sandy Swedberg	Kelly Koltav Malcom Koltav
April 1 Palm Sunday	Church Council	Frank & Barb Schoen	Tacie Devasir		NO NURSERY Children Sing
April 8 Easter	M. Bahl, M. Delperdang, B. Skarupa, T. Wunderlich	Bonnie Wunderlich Alice Hopke	Merrie Anderka		NO NURSERY
April 15	O. Anderka, J. Hachfeld R. Hansen, D. Leppert	Frank & Barb Schoen	Adam Kuehnel		Shelly Breitenfeld Aaron Hanlon
April 22	Dean & Jackie Remme, Frank & Barb Schoen	Dan & Wanda Leppert	Michelle Phillips	(Nelson's Rolls)	Laura Hardy Gena Purchla
April 29	D. Dailey, A. Hopke R. Hansen, T. Morgan	Jim & Lee Hachfeld	Scott Glende		Kari Casper Koltav Jen Mickey Casper