
Agapegram

March 2023



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Reverse Fasting



This Book of the Law must never depart from your mouth, and you are to meditate on it day and night, so that you will act faithfully according to everything written in it, because then you will prosper in everything you do, and you will succeed. Joshua 1:8 EHV

Ash Wednesday has come and gone and we are already into the season of Lent. Fittingly, the topic of fasting comes to mind in this season of the church year and so we turn our attention to that ancient tradition. Yet, even as we do, we need to contrast modern fasting from biblical fasting and, finally, make a case for some “Reverse” fasting during this Lenten season.

To begin, we should note that most modern fasting isn’t what we read about in the Bible. Fasting has become very popular for both weight loss and other health benefits that it can provide. That isn’t the purpose of Lenten fasts or any other kind of spiritually motivated fasting. Still, as we consider the topic of stewardship and the care of our God-given bodies, modern fasting can also be a good thing. Improving one’s overall health, which may include fasting as one tool among many, is a good and godly goal.

Biblical fasting, in contrast, is not done for weight loss, lowering insulin levels, or reducing inflammation. Biblical fasting is done to draw near to God and to serve one’s neighbor. Time saved by not eating is time that can be spent in prayer. Money saved by not eating can be used to donate to others in need. Fasting is also a discipline for self-control. Luther writes, *“Of fasting I say this: it is right to fast frequently in order to subdue and control the body. For when the stomach is full, the body does not serve for preaching, for praying, for studying, or for doing anything else that is good. Under such circumstances God’s Word cannot remain. But one should not fast with a view to meriting something by it as by a good work”*. That is, fasting is good, but it isn’t a “good work” that earns favor with God for having done it. More on biblical fasting can be found at <https://www.crossway.org/articles/5-myths-about-fasting>

What I want to challenge us with here at ESLC this Lent is the idea of “Reverse” Fasting. Not the dietary practice by that name, but simply doing the opposite of giving something up for Lent. I would encourage you to **take on** something for Lent this year. Something that draws you nearer to God through His holy Word in Scripture. (And, if you have to do some literal fasting to make the time in your schedule, so be it, but the goal is to “let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly” this Lent). For many, we do already add in a Wednesday evening service but consider an additional way for you to be in the Word. Options could include:

Memorizing Scripture. Pick a Psalm or passage to learn by heart.

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Do a Word Study. Think of a key word or theme and use a concordance to find all the places it appears in the bible. Look up each verse in context and jot down notes about that passage and how that word is used. It can provide a deeper understanding of what you already know.

Read your bible. Just do some good old fashion bible reading. Pick up the book and spend some time in it.

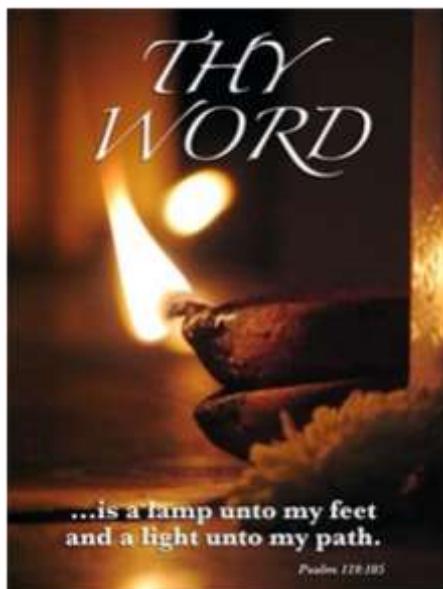
Listen to the bible. Use an audio bible app to hear the Word of God for a change of pace. Countless believers through the ages who had no bible or couldn't read received the Word of God this way. Consider smaller doses at one time as our modern minds have been conditioned to wander.

If you aren't currently, come to one of the bible study opportunities around church.

God's Word is the light for our path through the darkness of this world. Let's remind ourselves and challenge each other to consume it as eagerly as we rush to the dinner table or to our TVs. Our loving Savior longs to meet us there and strengthen us with His powerful and effective Word.

Your words came to me, and I devoured them. Your words became my joy, the delight of my heart, because I bear your name, O LORD God of Armies. Jeremiah 15:16 EHV

Pastor David





Deaconess' Musings

Death is Trampled. Life is Restored.

I despise death.

Death is not something I like. Death makes me angry. Death tears apart things that should remain together. Death confronts our comforts. Death is terrifying.

It's easy to get caught up in, this overwhelming feeling of loss, anger, and emptiness. We see death and decay permeate this world and its creatures, and cry out, "Why?!" We see all of it and know that this is not natural. It was never supposed to be like this, a once perfect creation rotted away by death.

Once, at the very beginning, there was no death. No brokenness. No imperfection. God, our Creator, walked with Man, and Man talked with God. All was well.

But then, humanity listened to a lie and bought it, no questions asked. Trust in the perfect, all-loving God was broken, and thus sin, decay, and death became our prize. Separated from the Creator God, Man was forced out of perfection and into a world now saturated with disease, to face death. Hope seemed forever lost. Death came forward to claim its throne.

Even while carrying out justice against His beloved creation, God loved them, us, more. Promising a future Redeemer that would one day carry upon Himself the sin of all people, becoming the sacrifice of sacrifices with enough blood to cover all sins and wash them away, God promised His Christ, the Messiah – His own Son, Jesus.

Death now had an enemy. This future Promised One soon came, and our Savior appeared. That perfect life of obedience you could not, cannot, keep – He did. That perfect life of love toward others that you cannot dream of ever fully acting out – He did. The perfect, all-loving God did what was (is) unthinkable – He paid the price for our salvation. He exchanged His very life, perfect, spotless, and sinless, for our deaths.

He died so that we might live. Shocking, yes. Unbelievable, yes. Truth? Yes.

Death, thinking he had won, yelled victory. Our Lord, however, holds the final word. Raising from the dead, Christ Jesus accomplished for us sinners what no sacrifice had fully done – completely and wholly removing the stain of sin upon our lives. Now restored to our Father God, Death cannot have sway over us. No longer does it define us. Found in Christ, we are in return granted life that knows no end.

While the Lord tarries, we will one day die. And while I'm still not the biggest fan of death, I know that because of Christ's death and resurrection it is sanctified. I, and all believers, will be brought through to everlasting, perfected life with the One who loved so much to die for His Creation and to win for them His own perfection. No more to ever face Death alone.

Christ died for sinners to take their death. Christ rose to life to grant sinners life eternal.

Christ is Risen! (For you!) He is Risen, Indeed! (For you!) Alleluia!

Deaconess Holly

Lent & Easter Worship Schedule

Midweek Lenten Worship Services

Wednesday, March 1st - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 8th - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 15th - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 22nd - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 29th - 7:00 pm

Midweek Lenten Suppers at 6:00 pm

Wed., March 1st hosted by the *Honduras Mission Team*

Wed., March 8th hosted by the *Comfort Dog Ministry Team*

Wed., March 15th hosted by the *Altar Care Committee*

Wed., March 22nd hosted by *ESLC Youth—Chili/Soup Night*

Wed., March 29th hosted by the *Board of Elders*

Palm Sunday April 2nd

8:30 am & 11:00 am Communion both services

Maundy Thursday April 6th - 7:00pm

Good Friday Tenebrae Service April 7th - 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday April 9th

8:30 am & 11:00 am Communion Both Services

9:45 am Easter Breakfast hosted by ESLC Youth

“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5

ESLC EASTER PRAYER VIGIL



Whether you pray aloud or silently, using the provided materials and or prayers of your own personal petitions, or simply sit and contemplate the great sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prayer Vigil provides you opportunity for reflection and an additional enrichment of your Lenten devotional life.

The Vigil begins following the Good Friday evening service and continues without interruption until 7:00 am on Easter Morning inside the Sanctuary. Only those who are slotted for each hour may be inside the Sanctuary.

The Sign-Up board with one hour time slots, will be in the narthex soon. If you would like petitions to be offered confidentially on your behalf, **please submit your requests to Deaconess Holly via email or put them in the prayer box provided by the sign-up board prior to the Maundy Thursday evening service.** Time slots fill up quickly, so reserve your preferred time slot as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Deaconess Holly.



**Daylight Saving
Time Begins
Sunday, March 12th**

Please be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour on Sat., March 11th before going to bed as we spring forward into Daylight Saving Time.

Carolinas District LWML Western Zone Rally!



Saturday, March 18th 2023, from 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church 220 Carson Road Seneca SC

Theme: "I Can See Clearly"

Join us for a morning of devotion, study and fellowship. Registration forms are on page 12 of this newsletter. Also, on the top of the piano in the Fellowship Hall.

For questions please see Kathy Bergeson. ~We hope to see you there.



Easter Lilies

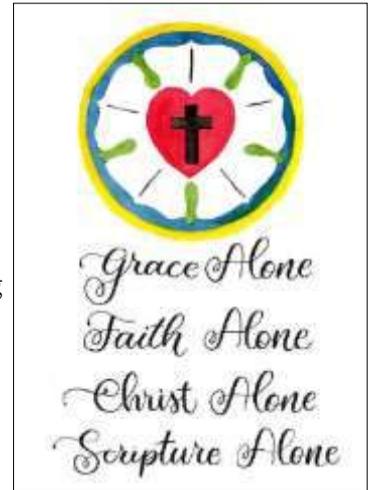
The Easter Lily sign-up sheet **will be on display in the Narthex starting on Sunday, March 19th.** Please take a moment to fill it in remembering to fill out an individual line for each plant. The price remains at \$15.00 per plant . *Thank you!*

MARTYR'S

By Bob Massa, Head Elder

While eating alone I like to read. The other night I glanced at a magazine my wife Teri receives, "The Voice of the Martyr's" and it made me wonder if there were martyrs because of the Reformation. A quick Google search indicated there were and the first two were Jan van Essen and Hendrik Vos or Voes.

Briefly, this is their story. In 1522, all the monks of the Saint Augustine's Monastery in Antwerp publicly professed the Lutheran doctrine. This resulted in the Bishop of Cambrai having them arrested and imprisoned in Vilvoorde, a Belgian municipality in the Flemish province of Brabant. All the monks were interrogated by the Flemish inquisitor Jacob van Hoogstraten, a resident of Cologne, and some renowned Catholic professors. All the imprisoned monks realized they risked being burned at the stake if they did not recant and all did except three: Jan van Essen, Hendrik Vos, and Lampertus Thorn.



The monks who recanted were released but did not return to the monastery, since it was declared defiled and demolished.

Still in custody, the three were questioned again by the ecclesiastical inquisition court (Council of Brabant) and still refused to recant. Their second refusal led to them being turned over to the secular court and being sentenced to death. They were moved to Brussels to await execution and a last attempt was made to get them to renounce their Lutheran beliefs. The first to appear before the inquisitors was Vos and he again refused to recant. Next was Van Essen and he also refused to renounce Lutheranism. Finally, Thorn appeared before the council, and he requested an additional four-days to study scriptures with respect to his views and he was not executed with van Essen and Vos. Van Essen and Vos, on July 1, 1523, were taken to the marketplace in Brussels and burned alive. It was customary practice to read the charges aloud against those being executed, but not in this case. It is believed, authorities feared hearing the charges might cause Lutheran ideas to spread or the ideas were already present and would lead to a protest. Thorn spent five years in prison. Dying there in 1528.

Upon hearing of the execution of van Essen and Vos, Martin Luther penned what is believed to be his first hymn, "Ein neues Lied wir heben an" ("A new song we raise"). First published in 1524 and is also known as "Flung to the Heedless Winds". This July 1st will be the 500th anniversary of van Essen's and Vos's martyrdom.



Sources: Various Wikipedia articles and [www. executetoday.com](http://www.executetoday.com)

Fresh Flowers on the Wooden Cross Easter Sunday.

On Easter Sunday (April 9th), the big wooden Cross on the Altar will have wire added for fresh flowers. Please bring flowers from your garden or purchase flowers. Before each service on Easter Sunday, bring your flowers to the Altar and add them to the cross. We want to have a beautiful cross loaded with fresh flowers this Easter! If you have any questions, contact Tracy Cochell at 404-433-7338.



ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS. Now is the time to direct your **Choice Dollars** to the charity of your choice. Thrivent allows donations to thousands of charities including Eternal Shepherd. **You have until March 31st to donate these funds as you prefer.** If you received an email, all you have to do is click on Direct Now, or you can log into your Thrivent account to donate or call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4826 and specify your Thrivent Choice.



Easter Breakfast

YOU'RE INVITED

ESLC Youth invite you to our annual **Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 9th at 9:45am!** Come join our **ESLC Youth** as we celebrate our Risen Lord with food and fellowship!

Breakfast Casseroles (gluten-free!), fruit, pastries, pancakes, orange juice, coffee.....we have it all!

Gluten-free and Dairy-free food options will also be made available for those with dietary restrictions.

Please make plans to attend. We hope to see you there! ~ESLC Youth

Comfort Dog News

Last month, I described the role of a Handler on the Comfort Dog team so in this article, I would like to feature the role of a Ministry Partner.

Ministry Partner:

The Ministry Partner (MP) has a very important role as they serve as the liaison for Seth and his handler on a visit. When the handler, Seth and MP arrive on a visit, the MP enters the facility and interacts with the front desk to ensure it is okay to bring Seth inside. The MP may also ask who would like to visit with Seth or where we should go and visit. Once we know where to go, the MP leads the way and along the way, is on the look out for any potential issues that may distract Seth such as another dog approaching, or someone eating a snack or spills on the floor.

Once the handler gets Seth in the best position to visit, the MP engages the person in conversation. As the conversation progresses, and it seems appropriate at the time, the MP may pray with the person. The MP may also ask if it is okay to take a picture with them petting Seth. Most people are very open to this and often ask if they could also have a picture to keep which we will arrange at a later date. Lastly, the MP will ask if the person would like Seth's ministry card to remember the visit. A MP is trained to know that all personal interactions, patient information and any medical issues are completely confidential. Each MP and Handler sign a Confidentiality Agreement which is filed at Lutheran Church Charities in addition to the background check.

In short, a MP is the eyes and ears for the handler and truly paves the way for a smooth visit. They play a very important role on the team! I think I can speak for all the handlers on Seth's team, that we greatly appreciate our Ministry Partners!

In a future article, I would like to feature the social media aspect of the Comfort Dog Ministry and how it opens up doors to other ministry connections throughout the world!

Lastly, please mark your calendars for the weekend of April 29^h and 30th as we celebrate 4 years of ministry with Seth with the following events:

Saturday, April 29th from 8am-12noon – Blood Drive at church (parking lot) – in service to our community

Sunday, April 30th at 9:45am – Comfort Dog Team will host the coffee hour – in service to you!

To God be the Glory,
Kyra Carbone, Top Dog



2023 Honduras Mission Team News

We would first like to thank everyone for their prayers and support, as we spent a week in Tegucigalpa, Honduras serving God and the people of Honduras. The Agapegram is being put together as we are in Honduras serving and so we don't have a report ready for you. However, if you would like to hear how the week went please join your Mission Team as we host the 1st Lenten Wednesday dinner on March 1st at 6pm. We look forward to sharing our blessings with everyone.

*Dios te bendiga (God Bless You),
Your Honduras Mission Team*

Outreach Mission - Ramp building project

The ramp mission got off to a good start in the last few weeks. The attached pics are of a ramp being built for a family near fair play with the wife in a wheel chair. They had to call for assistance every time she had to go to the doctor. When we finish this one there is a request for another in Seneca for a lady in need and poor health. This case is not fully reviewed yet but we expect to go forward. After that there is a veteran in Mt Rest that needs his steps rebuilt and some restoration work done on a part of his deck that is unstable.



We are receiving referrals from the Salvation Army and the Oconee Veterans Affairs office and Jim Corey.

For more info or to help , please contact Deek Decker or John Beattie



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY -- WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We know that there are members of Eternal Shepherd, friends and relatives that would benefit from a Prayer Shawl, but nobody has given one to them. We need you to think about giving a prayer shawl whenever you see a need. No approval is needed.

In the Fellowship Hall by the closets is the Prayer Shawl Self-Service Kiosk. You will see a prayer shawl displayed besides several bins containing prayer shawls that are ready to give. They come in all shapes, colors, and sizes. Simply select the one that seems most appropriate for the person that you will be giving it to. We request that you sign out the prayer shawl by simply writing down your name, the date and the person to whom you will be giving it on the sign out sheet found on top of the bins.

While these prayer shawls were created, the crafter prayed many prayers for the person who will receive it. We request that if you give the prayer shawl in person, that you also pray with the person when you give it.

Since the Prayer Shawl Ministry began in late 2014, we have given just over 150 prayer shawls. There is a list of recipients just under the sign out sheet if you would like to see who has received them already.

If you need assistance or have any questions, please contact Sue Hauser.



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Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church 220 Carson Road Seneca SC

Theme: "I Can See Clearly"

8:30 – 9:00 Registration and Refreshments

9:00 – 9:30 Opening Devotion

9:30 – 9:45 Welcome / Introductions

9:45 – 10:30 Bible Study

10:30 – 10:45 (Break)

10:45 – 11:15 "Ice Breaker" Fellowship

11:15 – 11:30 Foothills Pregnancy Center - Oconee County

11:30 – 11:45 LWML Mission Grant to Concordia Ft. Wayne IN

11:45 – 12:30 (Lunch)

12:30 – 1:10 Business Meeting / Roll Call / Announcements

1:10 – 1:30 Closing Devotion



Registration Form for mailing or you may pre-register online, by March 15th:

Name:

Congregation:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Return to: Mrs. Kathy Bergeson at bergesonemail@gmail.com by March 15!

Or mail to 204 W. Church St. Greer, SC 29650 (or send text to 901-508-0936)

Registration fee: \$10.00 payable to ESLC LWML, or pay cash or check on site.

Ingathering = *baby formula for sensitive tummies + diapers (especially size 5).*

**PLEASE JOIN US IN SUNNY SOUTH CAROLINA! OUR BOTANIC GARDENS IN CLEMSON
WILL BE IN FULL BLOOM....WE CAN HELP YOU PLAN YOUR ROAD TRIP!**

DETENTION CENTER OUTREACH MINISTRY:

Saturday, March 11th ESLC is planning a visit to the Men's and the Women's sides of the Detention Center in Walhalla. **We will need cookies for this ministry** (30 baggies with regular cookies – 4 cookies to a bag). These cookies are a small way of sharing God's love and are much appreciated by those who receive the goodies. **We will meet at ESLC Sat., March 11th at 10:00 AM** for logistics & prayer and then on to the Center to make our 11:00 AM appointment. *Thank you for your support of this ministry.* **If you are interested in serving our Lord in the important ministry, or have any questions please contact Ann Miller at (864) 637-8353 or asjohn315@gmail.com.** ~Thank you



STARLIGHT AT TAMASSEE

We are a residential program for mothers with elementary age children (8 and under upon admission), who are currently in recovery from substance use with a duration of 18-24 months. We can accept women who currently have their children, are pregnant, or seeking to gain custody of their children. During the program, moms will work through Christ-based curriculum in a faith centered program. The first year will be focused on healing, parenting, and fostering a strong bond with their children. The second year will be focused on education and job skills while moms learn budgeting, save for the next step, and life skills. Children will attend our on-site day care or academy for school aged children. For more information contact us.



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Needs Mentors! Our mission is to empower children to reach their full God-given potential and to break generational poverty. Mentors are needed for 3rd-12th graders. Come and share life changing skills with our children!

Visit our website at www.rippleofone.org
For more information, email Ria Dawkins at: ripple.terria@gmail.com



Volunteers Needed for BabyRead

BabyRead is an early literacy program dedicated to low-income families in Oconee County. Volunteers are needed to read one-on-one to moms and their babies or toddlers at public venues twice a month for one hour each time. Covid options are available which don't require face-to-face contact. We are, also, looking for volunteers in management, leadership, and administrative positions. To become a BabyRead volunteer, call (864) 643-8083 or visit www.babyread.org.



FOOD BANK NEWS: Please help us in collecting preferred needed canned, or boxed grocery items each month to help restock the Golden Corner Food Pantry's shelves. March's preferred product is "**Canned Tuna**" (Please place your items in the containers marked Food Bank down by the Fellowship Hall). ~*Thank you for your generosity and support.*



ON-LINE GIVING Remember you can give on-line. Just go to our church website at www.eternalshepherd.org and click on the On-line Giving bar in the top right corner on the homepage. ~*Thank you for your faithful support.*



Scrip Cards are available and make *great gifts* as well as earn money for Eternal Shepherd at the same time. Please note we have Publix, Ingles and Walmart gift cards available. For orders please contact **Beckie Rau** at (864) 944-6096. After the order is received one of the Scrip ladies will contact you to make arrangements for delivery. Scrip Card Team: **Beckie Rau, Libby Dunlap, Elisabeth Baker & Sue Hauser.** ~*Thank you for*



CARD CART NEWS! - If you have a chance, stop by the **Card Cart Ministry Display in the Fellowship Hall.** You might find a card that is just perfect for someone you know! There is a wide variety for all kinds of occasions and the price is perfect!!! \$.50 for all cards and \$5.00 for a box of 12 found on the bottom of the cart.



Hospitality Happenings for March

3/5 – Joan Callahan & Linda Nichelson

3/12 – Jim & Carole Bluhm

3/19 – Sue McCart & Vendo Toming

3/26 – ???



Hospitality is going forward full speed since the conclusion of the Pandemic. We have provided for Memorial Services and Sunday Bible Study. We always remain committed to our church and are always looking for new members. This requires as little or as much as you would like to help with: providing food, set-up, serving and clean-up.

All these are helpful and needed.

If you are new to any of these, please contact me at 864-784-0421 and I will gladly help. ~Colleen Wakeman

March Birthdays

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| 2 - David Broderdorf
Pastor David Hammer | 14 – Harold Krueger
Cyra Phelan |
| 3 - Rocki Van Heusen | 15 - Collins Hamilton
Sue Watson |
| 7 – Alan Van Heusen | 18 – Christopher Beitz
23 – (Jodene Baker) |
| 8 – Lois Helland
Rick Stockman
Robin Yoffee | 24 – Monica Del Priore
Joyce Krueger |
| 10 – Scottie
Fredrickson
Barry Voeltz | 25 – Lou Jolley
28 – Mike Peterson |
| 12 – Angie
Munzenmaier | 29 – Wayne Gugel |
| 13 – Carol King | |



March Anniversaries

- 1 – Ben & Lynne Smith
- 3 – Herb & Marie Schmidt
- 9 – Don & Evelyn Seigler
- 15 - Dave & Jane Smith
- 19 - Paul & Lane Wilson
- 21 - John & Cindy Munro
- 23 - Mike & Sue Peterson
- 30 - Scott & Debbie Krueger



SPECIAL GIFTS/MEMORIALS

In January the following gifts were given:



In loving memory of *Sami Johnson*
the General Fund received a gift of \$23.84

In loving memory of *Bob Krabbe*
the Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received a gift of \$25.00,
the Hospitality Fund received a gift of \$100.00,
and the Pastor's Discretionary Fund received gifts of \$230.00

Other Gifts:

The Board of Christian Ed. received a gift of \$100.00

The Church Bus Fund received gifts of \$124.06

Christ Central Ministries Oconee received a gift of \$3,000.00

The Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received gifts of \$2,150.56

The Elders Fund received a gift of \$150.00

The Food Bank Fund received gifts of \$73.14

The Haiti Missions Fund received gifts of \$604.06

The Honduras Mission Fund received gifts of \$574.07,
and World Gospel Outreach (Kids at Rancho Ebenezer)
received a gift of \$3,000.00

The Little Lambs Preschool Fund received a gift of \$96.71

The Lutheran Witness Magazine Fund received gifts of \$150.00

The Property Contingency Fund received a gift of \$2,000.00,
and a gift of \$600.00 from CCCF Giving Thanks Grant

The Special Missions Fund received a gift of \$5.00

Little Lambs Tales

*"See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone.
Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come,
the cooing of doves is heard in our land." Song of Solomon 2:11-12*

As we finish out our winter season and enter into the season of Spring, we are renewed and refreshed, reveling in the warmer temperatures and the beginnings of Springtime. It is a time of teaching God's awesome power and glory in all His creation.

At Little Lambs Preschool we are blessed to be able to share with our children the wonders of our Heavenly Father and teach our students about God! Each week we share a new bible story with our students based on the curriculum sent out through Concordia Press. These stories are also shared during our weekly chapel visit with Pastor David and Deaconess Holly. We are always so appreciative of their willingness to teach our students.

As always we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss in the month of March! We will spend the first week of March reading and rhyming with these great classic books! We end our weeklong celebration with our very own Dr. Seuss parade through the hallways of Little Lambs Preschool as the children are dressed as their favorite Dr. Seuss character!

On March 31st we will be having our Spring Program for our families. The children will be singing some favorite songs during this special performance. This program will be held in the Sanctuary with a light reception of cookies and snacks following in the Fellowship Hall.

All of us at Little Lambs Preschool thank you for your continued support and prayers for this ministry of our church. We continue to thank God for giving us the opportunity to care and love these beautiful children and watch them grow in their relationship with the Lord.

Blessings to you and your families! ~Gina



GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

This craft is a reminder of God's love for the world and of Jesus' sacrifice for everyone.

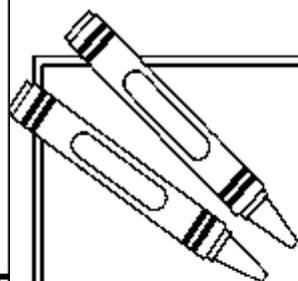
What you need:

- Two pieces of 8 1/2" x 11" white or light-blue construction paper
- Circle shape that fits paper (plastic lid or paper plate)
- Black marker or crayon
- Masking tape
- Shallow box, box lid or old cookie tray
- Blue and green paint
- Two paper plates
- Two marbles
- Two plastic spoons
- Scissors



What you do:

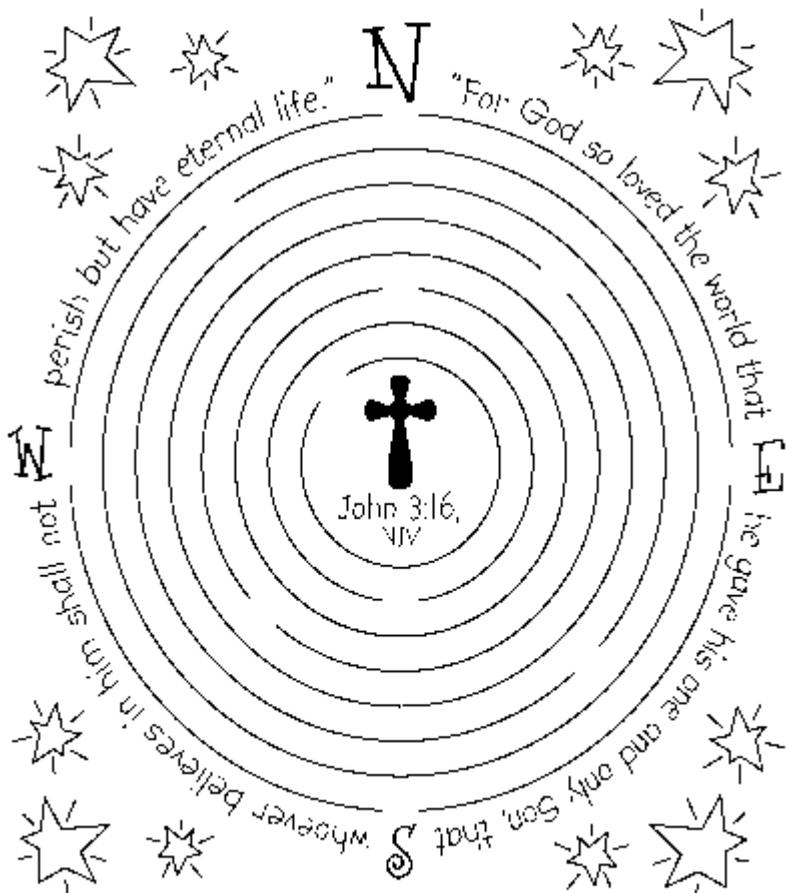
1. On one piece of paper, trace the circle shape.
2. Using two pieces of masking tape, make a cross in the center of your circle.
3. Place your paper inside the box, box lid or cookie tray.
4. Pour blue paint onto one paper plate and green onto the other. Place one marble in each color of paint.
5. Using a spoon, take out one marble at a time and place on your paper.
6. Roll each marble back and forth, around and around, alternating between colors.
7. After your circle looks like the planet Earth with lots of blue and green, cut out the circle.
8. Glue the circle onto another piece of paper.
9. Around the circle, write the words to John 3:16, NIV: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."
10. Take off the masking tape and see the cross that's left. Keep your artwork as a reminder of how much God loves you!



Just for KIDS

For everyone

Every day we should be thankful for God's love and for the gift of his Son, Jesus. Complete the maze below to help people from all directions hear about this good news. Then, starting at the N (north) and going clockwise, read the words to John 3:16, NIV.



SERVICE TIMES

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
(Communion 2nd & 4th Sundays)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
& Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Worship Service
(Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays)



THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor: David Hammer

Deaconess: Holly Cox

Secretary: Celeste Entrekin

Preschool Director: Gina Cote

Choir Director: Rick Schmidt

Choir Accompanist: Michelle Rowland

Organist: David Phillips

MISSIONARIES

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