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1 John 1:8

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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Dear Fellow Redeemed in Christ,

Well, Lent is upon us once again. I don't think I can remember a year when all five of the Midweek Lenten services fell within the month of March, with Holy Week following quickly upon their heels. What it helps us do is to remember to **add something for Lent**, instead of giving something up. We can add increased study of the chief doctrines of the church, something that, for some of us, has been a long time since we've done. We tend to shelve our copy of Luther's Small Catechism on the shelf after we're through with Confirmation, and don't dust it off and read it again for a very long time. Luther himself tells us that this is a very bad idea – these Six Chief Parts are the foundation, the building blocks, of our faith. Without them, we fall either to the left or to the right in theological thinking, a happening that isn't good for our spiritual life. We need to be reminded of the basics; if they're good enough for Luther to say he could never exhaust the study of them, they ought to be good enough for us to devote our time to them. **That's why we're continuing a good Lutheran tradition this Lententide of having Catechetical sermons accompany the special worship services on Wednesday evenings at 7:00, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.** We're going to focus on a different Chief Part every week.

What would be great is if you, in your homes and with your families, were to **get in the habit of reading the Catechism at home**. Journey through it every week during Lent; the Explanation of the Catechism, with its questions and answers, will be extremely helpful to prod your thinking and jog your memory. Additionally, I'd highly encourage you to **read Luther's Large Catechism** through during these forty days. This Large Catechism is made up of sermons that Luther preached concerning the Small Catechism, and goes into some more detail, giving some examples of what he was trying to get across to his listeners. The two Catechisms go hand-in-hand, and reading the Chief Parts of one will correspond to the Chief Parts of the other. We are, after all, a creedal church, where our doctrine is laid down in the Confessions, as a correct exposition of Scripture. We don't delve off into our own fantasies and delusions, discounting the teaching and preaching of learned men in the past, and elevating our own interpretations. Rather, we listen to our faithful forebears, measure up what they're saying with the Bible itself, and if it agrees with Scripture, then we read, mark, learn and take it to heart (as the collect for Grace to receive the Word says at the end of Divine Service without communion). As for the importance of reading these documents, the Catechisms plus the other Confessions of the Lutheran Church, collected into the Book of Concord, let's let the first president of our LCMS, Rev. Dr. C.F.W. Walther speak: *"The Book of Concord should be in every Lutheran home. If a person isn't familiar with this book, he'll think, 'That old book is just for pastors. I don't have to preach. After working all day, I can't sit down and study in the evening. If I read my morning and evening devotions, that's enough.' No, that is not enough! The Lord doesn't want us to remain children, blown to and fro by every wind of doctrine; instead of that, He wants us to grow in knowledge so that we can teach others."* Even though this was written over 150 years ago, it's still as true today as it was then. We MUST keep ourselves well-read in the faith, and on good soil; otherwise, the evil one will snatch the seed of faith off of the path, or off the rocky soil, or from among the weeds, as Jesus explains in His parable (Matthew 13:1-23).

If you don't have your copy of the Small Catechism, or if you don't have a copy of the Large Catechism, please let me know. **There is a great online resource for reading both on your computer, www.bookofconcord.org**. It's maintained by Steadfast Lutherans.org, so that it didn't fall into the chasm of webpages that "used to be", or that someone didn't post it and charge to have access to it (always a danger in this world!) Since the Steadfast guys took it over, they've improved the aesthetics a lot, and made it much more "user-friendly." If you want a printed copy (highly recommended, they're available from CPH for a reasonable cost. (I checked while writing this: the paperback version is \$27.99; hardback is \$39.99; and leather-bound editions go up from there. **The paperback is even right now on Amazon for \$18.99**; but I don't know how many they have in stock. However, I've also found a couple of extra hardbacks that I had laying around here – if you'd like one, I'd be more than glad to give one to you!) We're going to continue to explore these treasures at OSL; having a copy of the Confessions would be very helpful to you in digging deeper into that which **IS A FAITHFUL EXPOSITION** of the Bible.

The Large Catechism might be a new document to some of you; the Small Catechism should at least be somewhat familiar. I'd highly encourage you to come to the special worship services on Wednesdays, study these documents in your homes, and (re-)educate yourselves on the Lutheran Christian basics. The devil keeps roaring around like a lion, seeking whom he may devour. **Take advantage of the Word of God that He places into our hands and in front of our eyes.** I hope to see you in church, in Bible study (Sunday mornings & Wednesday afternoons) and around the community.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Daniel M. Provost

You May Have Noticed?.....The Elders are no longer asking you to fill out an attendance card at Divine Service! The Elder on duty will be reporting attendance each week. Information cards for visitors, request cards for pastoral visitation, and prayer cards will be placed in the pews.



Midweek Lent Services each Wednesday at 7p through March 29. A Special Lenten Devotional 2023 has been printed and is available in the Narthex (or contact the church office so we can get one to you). Written by Pastors of the LCMS titled "Given and Shed For You".



Quilting.....March 14,
March 17 with Soup Lunch,
March 28 and 30

**National Quilter's Day is
March 18!!! Woot! Woot!**

THE LITTLE TIMER THAT COULD

In 1962, a new church was built in Newton – Our Savior Lutheran Church. A church sign was proudly installed in the yard with spot lights illuminating both sides of it. To operate the spot lights, a timer was installed near the beaker box in the closet in the front of the Sanctuary. The timer was

all mechanical with an electric motor in it to run the "clock" mechanism. As time passed, the sign was updated (replaced) with a new brick sign with internal lighting and interchangeable letters to give the community different messages through the year. The spot lights were no longer needed, but the timer box ran the sign's internal lighting. This sign has served OSL and the community well (with the help of those changing the messages – currently Tom & Raylene Tisdale – thank you!)

After 60 years of steady timekeeping, the timer began to get tired. The electric clock motor began making some strange noises (like our bodies do as we show our age) and no longer ran like it was originally designed to. It became obvious that its job needed to be turned over to a "younger" timer. A new timer was acquired, and Doug DeJong has installed it for us. As soon as warm days return, new sign lights will replace the current ones which appear to have exceeded their normal life cycle.

Thinking of our building, how many items can you think of that are still in use from the original construction in 1962? Who would have expected a timer with an electric motor in it to last 60 years? The original timer was a product of International Register Company of Chicago and the new one is a General Electric. Maybe some of our descendants will be pleasantly surprised if this G.E. timer lasts 60 years as well! *Bob Bringolf*

- MARCH
- Thank you for
volunteering this month!*
- ELDER
Jary Roby
- USHER(S)
Steve, Janet &
David Hartz
- GREETER(S)
Carole Zimmermann
- ALTAR GUILD
Maria Casad
- FELLOWSHIP
Julia Provost
- MUSICIANS
Joy McGinley
Ophie Hart
- MEDIA TEAM
Julie Dlouhy
Deanna Ihde



*Anticipated
Printing Date
March 15*

**MARILYN'S (JESSEN)
MEATLOAF**

Quick and delicious!
1 or 1-1/2 lbs. of ground beef
1 can evaporated milk

1 envelope dry onion soup mix
Mix together, put in loaf pan and
bake at 350 degrees till done.
EASY! Make it during a commercial!

Sweet Potato Pork Poutine

Smokey sausage, pulled pork, sweet potatoes, cheese curds, and barbecue gravy combine to create the ultimate indulgent appetizer for the next big game. Add some beers and you're good to go.

**RECIPES
MARCH
MADNESS**

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp Paprika
- 2 tbsp Brown sugar
- 1.5 lbs Boneless pork roast
- 1 tsp Kosher salt
- 1 cup Water
- 1/2 lb Smoked sausage links
- 1/4 cup Ketchup
- 1/2 cup Prepared beef gravy
- 1 lb Frozen sweet potato fries
- 1 cup White cheddar cheese curds

Instructions

1. Combine paprika, sugar, and salt in a small bowl. Rub over pork. then place in a 2 quart slow cooker. Add water and smoked sausage. Cover and cook on low for 5-6 hours or until pork is fork tender. Remove pork and sausage and set aside while making the sauce.
2. For the sauce, skim the fat off the top of the remaining cooking liquid, then add ketchup and gravy. Stir to combine. Cook on high until hot and thickened.
3. Pull pork apart with 2 forks or roughly chop with a knife. Add pork and sausage back to prepared sauce and fold in with a spatula. Keep warm until ready to serve.
4. Prepare sweet potato fries according to package directions until crisp and hot in a shallow pan, baking sheet lined with foil, or air fryer.
5. Top fries with cheese curds and warm in the oven until curds are soft.
6. Top with meat and sauce mixture and serve.



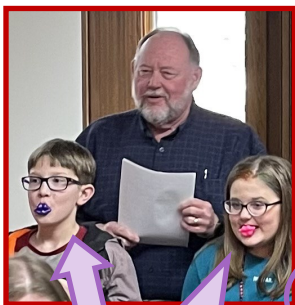
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What is happening here?? And in Church??!

