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## *Do You Know What Real Love Is?*

*Jesus...made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death--even death on a cross! Philippians 2:5-8*

The Beatles sang about it: love; it's the main thread running through virtually every movie ever made and every book ever written: love; and there are a host of great quotes about it, like this one from a guy named Franklin P. Jones: "Love doesn't make the world go round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile." Welcome to February, the month in which we celebrate love...or at least the idea of what we consider to be love.

I got to thinking along these lines as I noticed the movie, "Sleepless in Seattle" playing for the umpteenth time on TV. Please don't get me wrong; I think this is an excellent movie despite the fact that there are no aliens, explosions or car chases. Where the movie does get old for me is the way it portrays love Hollywood style.

If you recall, "Sleepless in Seattle" culminates a Valentine's Day meeting on top of the Empire State Building; just like it was supposed to happen in the movie, "An Affair to Remember." In somewhat the same vein, the meeting almost did not take place; but due to a couple of lucky circumstances, Sam and Annie meet and....you know the rest of the story...love is found!

Contrary to what many think about when they think about love...it isn't about a diamond on a ring or a necklace, nor is it about dreamy eyed looks or romantic vacations in some paradise-like setting. And it's most certainly not about clandestine meetings atop a skyscraper in New York City. No, and this isn't going to come as a surprise to anyone...if you want to know what love is really all about—or what real love is—you need to check out the Bible. In these pages we are given love as only

God can give it, and as He also wants us to share it.

Love is all about selflessness and giving, as we see in the promise given to us and the promise lived out for us in Jesus, who "made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death--even death on a cross!" There is love; God Himself giving Himself fully for us that we may know His love and accompanying joy throughout eternity!

And as we've heard in the readings for the past few Sundays in January, His love for you is not a chance occurrence (like Sam and Annie's meeting in the movie). His love is determined and has been forever yours! And so you would know this truth for yourself, Jesus, very determinedly gave Himself for you: *As the time approached for Him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem* (Luke 9:51). Here is God's forever love for you—given in our Lord and Savior who **resolutely** headed for Jerusalem and the cross that awaited Him there—**for you!**

While romantic, Hollywood style love makes good fodder for books and movies; it's love that has been demonstrated in Jesus' bloody death that means life eternal for you and for me. I understand that such love doesn't do too good on the big screen but thankfully it plays very well in realm of forgiveness and life; for that is what you and I have through the love of God given us in Jesus. As St. Paul writes: *God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us* (Romans 5:8).

And as I most generally note; He didn't give it to you so that you can keep it all for yourself. Nope, He wants it shared in a very unselfish manner, so that a lot of other people could know it and

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 celebrate it as well. Like Noah nagging at his Dad (Sam) to meet up with Annie in the movie; we're to be adamant about people meeting Jesus in the things we say and do. Jesus said, on the night before He died: *A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another* (John 13:34-35). God's peace be with you as you live in, celebrate and share God's love! And have a most excellent February!

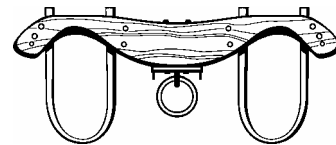
*Pastor White*



...HOW WIDE AND LONG  
 AND HIGH AND DEEP  
 IS THE LOVE OF CHRIST.

EPHESIANS 3:18, NIV

## Christian Symbols The Yoke



The yoke is a burden of hardship and toil, as well as of subservience. But Jesus said the "yoke" of serving him is "easy" and that he provides rest for the weary (Matthew 11:28-30). The yoke also symbolizes human allegiance, as in marriage (2 Corinthians 6:14, NIV).

### QUOTABLE QUOTES

- "Faith doesn't get us out of trouble; faith gets us through it." —Anonymous
- "Always focus on the front windshield and not the rearview mirror." —Colin Powell
- "It's no trick loving somebody at their best. Love is loving them at their worst." —Tom Stoppard
- "A Bible that's falling apart belongs to someone who's not." —Anonymous

The LWML officers were installed January 17 and recently met and planned the Trinity LWML calendar for the year. As always, there will be special programs, Bible studies and opportunities for the congregation to participate in several mission projects!



Our February activities will include helping with the Annual Colby Diplomats Luncheon on February 10. This is a fund-raising event for our society. On February 22 at 7:00 p.m., we will host a Day of Prayer service and the Oakley LWML ladies will be joining us.

Be watching for the "Mite Lady". She will be making a regular appearance. For a donation to the mite box, you will receive a sweet treat!

Serving The Lord With Gladness,

Relda Galli,  
 President



## February Special Appeal THE LUTHERAN HOUR



**Bringing Christ to the nations.**

# ...from the president

It's hard to believe that a month has gone by since we celebrated Christmas and the season of Lent is fast approaching. I have two things on my mind I would like to share with you at this time.

## Searching for a New Pastor



The first is the work of the call committee. As you are aware, the call committee has been at work considering a Pastor to shepherd our flock. At a special voters meeting on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, they submitted the name of Pastor James Endrihs from Enterprise, Alabama to be considered for a call. The voters unanimously voted to extend him a call and the documents should be on the way by the time you read this. Please pray for the call committee as they continue their work. They have faithfully and prayerfully committed to the task of finding a Pastor for Trinity.

Pray also for Pastor Endrihs, his family, and the church he currently serves. This is a difficult time for them as they consider the new opportunities the Spirit may have in store for them here in Colby.

The second thing I would like you to pray about is how you might be called to serve Trinity in the coming year. If you attended the quarterly voters meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup>, you heard that the majority of our boards have chairpersons who have served their two consecutive terms as allowed by the constitution and are not eligible for re-election. This provides an opportunity for a new group to serve.



There are openings for a Treasurer, as well as positions on the board of Elders, Public Relations, Fellowship, Endowment, Trustees, and Christian Education. If you feel a calling to serve, please let me or one of the nominating committee members know Duane Unger, Tracey Galli, Duane Johnson, Linda Pabst. If a member of the committee

contacts you to serve in some capacity, please consider not if you will serve, but how you can serve.

Serving is work... no doubt about it. It takes time and it requires a commitment but that is what we are called to do:

**Romans 12:3-8 (NIV)** *<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. <sup>4</sup>Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup>We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. <sup>7</sup>If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; <sup>8</sup>if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.*

See you in church,

Doug Tittel



## Seventy Years

By the time you're 70 years old, you will have spent nearly a quarter of a century sleeping. The average person spends about 23 years of his or her life in bed. Here are estimates of how most Americans spend their waking hours during those 70 years:

- 11 years working
- 8 years in leisure pursuits
- 6 years eating
- 5 years grooming
- 4 years being educated
- 3 years talking
- 2 years reading
- 6 months worshipping God

Perhaps Sunday morning worship isn't as long as it seems!

# 100th anniversary of the Boy Scout Movement

Lord Robert Baden-Powell (1857-1941) was a lieutenant general in the British Army who loved hiking and camping in the wilderness. He wrote a small handbook for soldiers called Aids to Scouting. It became so popular among teachers and youth leaders that he rewrote it with young people in mind. Scouting for Boys was immediately a best seller and led to the establishment of many Boy Scout groups in England.

Soon afterward, scouting groups began popping up across America. Churches were so supportive of the movement's values that many churches sponsored Scout troops – and still do.

The official beginning of Scouting in America was February 8, 1910. Each year, many churches recognize their Scouts on the Sunday before February 8.

The leaders of Boy Scouts of America have designated September 1, 2009, through December 31, 2010 as "A Year of Celebration." The year's highlight will be Jamboree 2010 (July 26-August 4, 2010), which promises to be the largest celebration of Scouting in America. More than 43,000 scouts and leaders are expected to attend the event at Fort A.P. Hill, a 76,000-acre camp outside Washington, D.C.

## LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

One of the finest offerings of LCEF is often overlooked. I would encourage anyone to participate in the StewardAccount or Family Emergency StewardAccount. The StewardAccount has a tiered interest rate which is competitive with banks. It has unlimited check writing of \$250.00 or more and comes with a debit card for smaller purchases. It is easily accessible through MyAccount Internet access. It has electronic funds transfer capability.

The Family Emergency StewardAccount is limited to 12 checks yearly of \$250 or more. A \$25 minimum monthly deposit is required until the balance reaches \$10,000. It is designed for saving for that emergency that no one expects. Both options are an excellent alternative to local banking options. – *Ralph Fischer, LCEF Ambassador*



## Birthdays

- 3 - Hulda Wark
- 4 - Katie Frederick
- 6 - Laura Bradley
- 7 - Betty Kruse
- 13 - Alexis Cox  
Norman Claus  
Marvin Keil  
Cassie Mattson  
Eunice Pabst  
Tara Powell  
Reed Shoaff
- 14 - Relda Galli  
Sharon Funk  
Chandi Reed
- 15 - Mary Kersenbrock
- 16 - Doug Baker
- 18 - Ardath Beringer  
John Fabrizius
- 19 - Koda Kvasnicka
- 22- Shirley Weber
- 24 - Greg Gordon
- 26- Deb Kersenbrock
- 28 - Skyler Brogan

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 - Alan & Kelly Focke
- 23 - L.J. & Karen O'Neal

# Significance of Lent

Lent is the fourth season of the Christian year. Its length is the 40 days preceding Easter Day, not counting Sundays. This means Lent always begins on a Wednesday, known as Ash Wednesday.

Lent commemorates Jesus' fast and temptation in the wilderness of Judea Province, which, according to the Gospel, lasted 40 days. Just as Jesus confronted his temptations during these 40 days, Lent helps Christians focus on our most basic need as sinners: forgiveness.

The only way our Lord's forgiving power can become effective in our lives is by our taking the initiative to confront our sins, confess them and repent of them. In short, Lent is a season of penitence.

## Why Ash Wednesday?

Traditionally, the Christian church has observed the seven weeks before Easter as a time of penitence and spiritual self-examination.

Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, derives its name from the ancient practice of marking the foreheads of worshipers with ashes from the unused palm branches of the previous year. Ashes historically have had a dual significance.

First, they are Old Testament symbols of sadness and humility. Job, in the midst of all his troubles, cried out to God from the ash heap.



**Ash  
Wednesday**

The second symbolic meaning of ashes is as a reminder of our mortality. Each of us faces the inevitability of physical death. Our bodies and material possessions eventually will turn to dust and ashes. This is a reminder that we dare not trust in things that

crumble. But Lent does not leave us on the ash heap. It begins with Ash Wednesday, but ends with Easter. And Easter proclaims that, through Christ, God resurrects us from our dust and ashes, makes us new creatures and brings life out of death!



A meal will be served each Wednesday before Worship Service in the church basement from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**February 17** *Ash Wednesday*  
7:00 PM The Sign of Ashes  
Jeremiah 6:26

**February 24**  
7:00 PM The Sign of the Rainbow  
Genesis 9:13

**March 3**  
7:00 PM The Sign of a Baby  
Luke 2:12

**March 10**  
7:00 PM The Sign of Healing  
John 4:46-54

**March 17**  
7:00 PM The Sign of Celebration  
John 2:11

**March 24**  
7:00 PM The Sign Spoken Against  
Luke 2:34



# This & That

## Thank You!

Thanks to everyone for their cards, telephone calls and prayers while I was in the hospital, in Missouri and now recovering back home. It's so nice to have such a wonderful church family. Rita Wade

## Thank You!

Sincere thanks to Kris Harper for directing the Children's Christmas Service. Thanks to all the Sunday School teachers and everyone else who contributed time, talents and prayers. Thank you to the children and the Middle School youth for their participation. The service was truly inspirational! Board of Christian Education

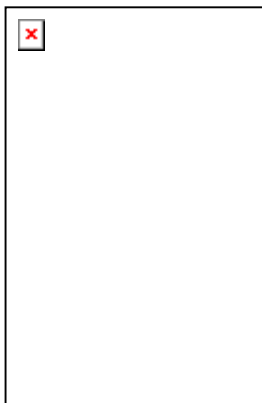
## WANTED!

The Board of Public Relations would like to borrow pictures of Trinity "happenings" that may be hiding in your closets or photo albums to be included in a video display for Trinity's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

If you would be willing to share pictures of members, church activities and/or events, it would be greatly appreciated.

Pictures can be left in the T. Galli mailbox or in the church office (please be sure your name is on them so they can be returned). Your pictures will be scanned and returned to you promptly.

If you have questions, please contact Ralph Fischer, Relda Galli, Kris Harper, Brittney Johnson, Pat Parker, Velma Rasmussen or Jada Tubbs.



**Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday – February 22**  
LHM proclaims the Gospel around the world and equips congregations to share Jesus with others. On February 22 join us for LHM Sunday to learn about their ministry. For information about LHM, visit [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org)

## Conversations of Grace Web Conference

Evangelism – seeing or hearing this word scares most of us. “Me, an evangelist? “I’m just not the right kind of person to do that. I’m not gifted that way. I wouldn’t know what to say.” We all have excuses. But listen to what God says:

*\*Acts 1:8 – But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere – in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

*\*John 15:15 – You didn’t choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.*

*\*1 Corinthians 2:13 – When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit’s words to explain spiritual truths.*

*\*Philippians 4:13 – For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.*

The Conversations of Grace Conference is coming to

**Redeemer Lutheran Church, Atwood on Saturday, February 27, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Join us for great presentations, guided small group discussions, question/answer sessions with the speakers, fellowship and more. **The cost is only \$15/person, which includes all materials and lunch.**

Visit [www.kslcms.org/cog](http://www.kslcms.org/cog) for more details and to register. Remember these words from Acts 20:24 – *But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus – the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.*

### **LYF Youth will host a Pre Game Tail Gate Party**

"Peytons' Pack" battles the boys from "The Big Easy" Super Bowl **Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

Enjoy Football, Fun, Fellowship, and Delicious Appetizers

Sponsored by LYF in the lower level of the church.

**Free will donation.**

Activities will begin immediately following the last Amen of the Sunday service and participants will be home in-time to see the opening kick off.

Come and enjoy the fun.