

From Pastor's desk...

MARCH 2022

Dear Fellow-Redeemed of Zion,

Well, February sure was dedicated to keeping us in the grip of Winter!

And now March may do some of the same, but Spring is coming, and with it, the glorious Good News of Jesus' eternal Gospel! There is nothing cold and snowy about that! Lent begins, and Easter is in sight.

Now, besides the holiday among others, what will make our preparation different this year? Nothing but God's Word. Do you know 100 Bible verses from memory, both chapter and verse? Can you quote the Book of Concord's most important statements? Can you recite The Six Chief Parts? (confirmands can.) Do you have some kind of devotions daily? How about a time to remember all the things our prayers should include?

This is not to shame anyone, but we all fail. Why? Because we are all sinners, trapped in the dark Winter of our Old Adam's appetite for wrong.

But that is NOT ALL of who we are! WE are the redeemed of the Lord, living in daily repentance and faith, remembering that God has sent His son to pay the penalty for all of our failures, so that we can live joyful lives as if it were Spring the year long!

So "We lift up our hearts to the Lord, Who made heaven and earth."
And as we look forward to Easter's joys and blessings, we remember that they are all ours, even if we are stuck in a blizzard!

Blessings!

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2. Midweek services will be held each Wednesday evening until Holy Week. Our theme this year is “In View of God’s Mercy”.

Schedule of Services in March:

*3/2 Ash Wednesday – Service with Communion 7:00 P.M.
(Mercy In Ashes)*

3/6 Divine Service 10:15 A.M.

*3/9 Midweek Service (Mercy in Temptation)
Supper 6:00 P.M. (If available) Service 7:00 P.M.*

3/13 Divine Service with Communion 10:15 A.M.

*3/16 Midweek Service (Mercy in Suffering)
Supper 6:00 P.M. (If available) Service 7:00 P.M.*

3/20 Divine Service 10:15 A.M.

*3/23 Midweek Service (Mercy in Betrayal)
Supper 6:00 P.M. (If available) Service 7:00 P.M.*

3/27 Divine Service with Communion 10:15 A.M.

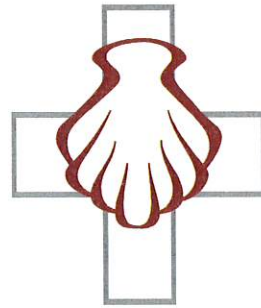
*3/30 Midweek Service (Mercy in Relationships)
Supper 6:00 P.M. (If available) Service 7:00 P.M.*

Please plan to join us as we hear about God’s Mercy.

A light supper will precede each service beginning on March 9, if provided. Supper availability will be announced each preceding Sunday.

If you are willing to provide one of the suppers, there is a sign-up sheet posted on the board in the All Saints Addition.





Baptism Birthdays

Birthdays

Dick Shull	3/9
Merle Theilen	3/11
Addison Van Zele	3/15
Aiden Chipol	3/25

Marjorie White	3/1
Lea Manuel	3/3
Megendeal Hibtes	3/3
Christina Gleason	3/4
Jessica Shull	3/7
Elias Morgan	3/11
Kendra Theilen	3/11
Alberta Kindhart	3/15
Teresa Albsmeyer	3/16
Isaac Rennecker	3/16
Colbie Stremsterfer	3/21
Rich Albsmeyer	3/22
Jo Boesdorfer	3/24
Jim Krone	3/26
Carol Kiel	3/29
Shirley Theilen	3/31



Wedding Anniversaries

Norman & Michele Stremsterfer	3/1
Lee & Stacy Stremsterfer	3/27

ACT LIKE MEN

“Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.” - 1 Cor. 16:13

To all Pastors and Congregations of the CID:

Your Lutheran camp, Camp CILCA, is always looking for new ways to serve the Church. You already know Camp CILCA as a place where the kids of your congregations and schools can go to camps and retreats to grow in their love of God’s creation and their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior. You also know that Camp CILCA is a place with great buildings, spaces, and activities for your congregations to use for retreats, reunions, camping adventures, outdoor education, and anything else you can think to do on these beautiful, God-given 225 acres.

Now the Lord is leading us into a new area of service to Christian men—to sons, brothers, husbands, fathers, grandfathers, uncles, friends. Camp CILCA wants to assist our congregations in strengthening their men to be better and stronger in Christ. How many of our congregations have struggled in finding men who are ready to be elders, Sunday School teachers, and spiritual fathers in their own homes? There are many reasons for this but Camp CILCA wants to be part of the answer.

Camp CILCA is uniquely positioned to help you in encouraging the men of your congregation to “be watchful, stand firm in the faith, **act like men**, be strong.” We have 225 acres of forest, open fields, and water combined with a chapel, lodging, and dining hall. Is there a better place to strengthen Christian men? Secondly, we have nine months of the year when our resources are underutilized.

Several years ago we invited Rev. Jeffrey Hemmer, author of *Man Up! The Quest for Masculinity*, to speak at our Woodcutter’s Retreat. We heard the call God gives to men to live in Christ and follow Him in the virtues of manliness. Since then, an idea has been slowly growing as to how Camp CILCA can be a part of helping Christian men to “man up” and “act like men.”

We’re not entirely sure where the Lord will lead us, but we’re asking for your support, wisdom, and prayers. We’re exploring many options for a future “gap year” program for young men out of high school. It would be a nine-month program living at camp, working, worshiping, learning various skills, and studying the Word. We’re doing a lot of research into this and would welcome your input.

At the same time, to get things rolling in 2022, we’re offering four “ACT LIKE MEN” events. Three of them are for men of all ages, and we encourage all pastors to attend with men of your congregations:

Act Like Men Woodcutter’s Retreat on February 25 - 26

Act Like Men Field Day Competition on May 28

Act Like Men Shooting Retreat on September 17

All three of those events will combine work and/or play with good food and sessions of teaching from God’s Word on being Christian men.

The fourth event is only for younger men and is a weeklong camp specifically designed for them to grow in Christ. Please consider if you know any young men in your congregation who would benefit from this week of camp. Maybe you can even sponsor them financially.



Act Like Men Camp on July 31 - August 5

We’re asking you to join us in this endeavor. If you’re at all concerned about the lack of spiritual leadership by men, the feminization of the Church, the dearth of Godly male role models, and the demonization of men in the culture, then let Camp CILCA work with you to teach, reprove, correct, train, and comfort men. If you have any questions or suggestions, contact Rev. Joshua Theilen, Director (theilenjoshua@gmail.com) or me (jonboehne@hotmail.com).

Rev. Jon Boehne, CILCA Board Member

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1	2 Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion 7:00 P.M.	3	4	5
6 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service 10:15 A.M. Confirmation Class 6:00 P.M. - 7:15 P.M.	7	8 Pastor's meet here 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.	9 Mid-week Lent Service Supper 6:00 P.M. Service 7:00 P.M.	10	11	12
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Notes: Elder Brad Mahler						
Mid-week services for Lent begin on Ash Wednesday, March 2 and continue each Wednesday until Holy Week.						

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Sunday School 9:00 A.M.
Adult Bible Class 9:00 A.M.
Divine Service 10:15 A.M.

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