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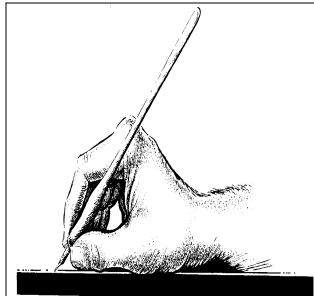
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God's Gift of Forgiveness



the Pastor's corner

Have you noticed that you hardly hear the word “forgiveness” anymore?

It seems to rarely come up in gatherings, media or in the scripture readings on a Sunday. Yet the Greek word appears 146 times in the New Testament, but it is translated in most English versions as “forgive” only 38 of those times. Forgiveness is used over 190 times in the whole Bible.

However you look at it, it is important to Jesus and important to us. There is no future without forgiveness. Forgiveness restores broken relationships.

That is why you will find multiple opportunities described in this newsletter for us to grow in forgiveness. Forgiveness Sunday, “The Power of Forgiveness” education program, Church Dinner and the Movie, “The Power of Forgiveness” on Saturday, February 25, among others. And we will distribute wrist bands to everyone for our Lenten discipline, “Forgive... and Forgiven”, a reminder in our daily life that forgiveness is a choice and can be done because in Christ, God has forgiven and forgives us.



Forgiveness is the great leveler.

Why the emphasis? Because we rarely talk about it but use the word a lot. There are moments when listening to a conversation or simply listening to someone who seeks my advice or company and I think, “This would be an excellent time to forgive. Why is that not one of the options?” Forgiveness is a powerful healing gift.

Two people have a disagreement. Feelings are hurt. Why, especially in the Christian community, do we more likely walk away from the relationship than reconcile through forgiveness under the lordship of Christ...which is why we came to church in the first place? Jesus makes forgiveness the tenet of the Lord's prayer – “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us”. Or Holy Communion – “This is my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins.” Or the Creed- “I believe in the Holy Spirit...the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting”.

And why is it when we hear of someone apologizing that the one who can forgive says, “They weren't really sorry. Did they look repentant to you?” (What does

repentance look like?! (Stone faces may only reveal fear and anxiety.) Forgiveness sets one free from guilt and allows us to stop hurting others because we have been hurt.

Forgiveness is mercy.

Above all, forgiveness is demonstrated in Jesus' life, death and resurrection. By His actions, we have joy and the ability to extend that same love to others. We can heal the world, one relationship at a time! And in the process, be healed.

Let's get going on forgiveness. I need to grow in it and likely you do too. Let's have an open and honest conversation. We're going to look together at the practical ways forgiveness can become our practice and in obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ. Come to some or all the events mentioned. Let us grow in faith and God's gift of forgiveness.

God is doing the inviting.

In Christ,

Pastor Bill Damrow

Rev. Dr. William J. Damrow, Pastor



The forgotten language of forgiveness This gift should be part of our vocabulary— from “The Lutheran”

Oh, my gosh!” my wife said at dinner. “I forgot to text your mom to say happy birthday!” I put my fork down and dropped my head into my hands. I hadn’t even done that much. Her birthday had been two days before, and I had completely forgotten. I felt terrible.

There was only one thing to do: call her and wish her a happy belated birthday. As I apologized over and over, my mother graciously accepted. “Don’t worry about it,” she kept saying. “It’s OK.” It was better than I deserved.

Days passed, and I kept apologizing. And she kept saying those same words: “Don’t worry about it. It’s OK.” But the guilt lingered. We were both doing the right thing. Shouldn’t I have felt better? Not long after, I screwed up again. It was a minor mistake. I apologized for forgetting to buy something my daughter needed for school. “It’s OK, Dad,” she said. “Don’t worry about it.”

There were those words again, but this time I immediately knew they were wrong. “It’s not OK, honey,” I told her. “Next time I’m going to do better.”

“Thanks, Dad,” was all she said, but she looked relieved. Being honest about (instead of dismissing) my mistake made it easier for both of us to bear. Yet something was still missing. Several weeks later, I finally figured out what.

The realization hit me as I was preparing to lead worship. I looked at the bulletin to see anew the words I had seen thousands of times: “Confession and Forgiveness.” It all made sense. I had confessed but had not received forgiveness. My mom undoubtedly forgave me in her heart, but she had not said, “I forgive you.” Seeing those words in the bulletin was like looking at a tall glass of water that I couldn’t drink. I needed to hear the words.

I put the bulletin down and thought about the times I had used the same words as my mom. How often had I told people who came to me seeking forgiveness that it was OK? That what they’d done wrong didn’t matter? That their guilt and shame didn’t matter? A lot, I figured.

In fact, I couldn’t remember the last time I had heard or said “I forgive you.” I’m 41 but couldn’t remember a time when those words were commonly used either. Was I just missing it? Had there been a time when people said “I forgive you” to one another? Was it happening all around me? Was I just out of touch?

After worship I started paying closer attention to the actual words that came out of people’s mouths when someone apologized to them. I listened for those words in conversations both inside and outside of church. I searched for them on television and in books and online articles. I couldn’t find the words “I forgive you” anywhere.



Centering Prayer

Be still, and know that I am God!

(Psalm 46:10)

This coming year, we will be developing opportunities that will deepen spiritual formation and our connection to God in our daily lives. In the first of what we plan to be many such opportunities, come join us in a six Thursday Centering Prayer group. You are invited!

God is inviting us to enter into an intimate relationship with Him through the quietness of prayer. In Centering Prayer, we will experience God's presence.

Centering Prayer emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God and as movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Christ.

Together we will sit in the quietness of prayer, finding our deepest center, awaking the profound depths of our being in the presence of God, who is the Source of our being and of our life.

We will be following the three "guidelines" of Centering Prayer as described by M. Basil Pennington. While sitting relaxed and quiet, we will

1. Be in faith and love to God who dwells in the center of our being.
2. Take up a word and let it be gently present, supporting our being to God in faith-filled love.
3. Whenever we become aware of anything else, we simply, gently return to the Lord with the use of the prayer word.

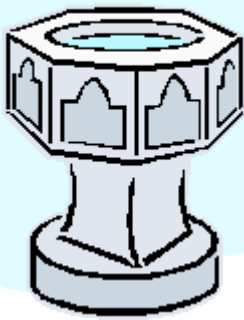
Please join us anytime in this prayer of the heart in the Church Council Room on **Thursdays, beginning March 2nd through April 6th, from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.**

RSVP to Nancy Sigler, Diaconate Intern, at nls11@optonline.net by February 26th.

2017 ANNUAL MEETING

St. Luke's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, February 5, 2017 (snow date February 12) following Sunday worship. All active voting members are invited and expected to attend. Grab a cup of coffee and learn about all we did in 2016 as we look to 2017!

BAPTISM AT THE CENTER OF GOD'S GRACE



You may have noticed that the baptismal font has been moved a few feet to the center of the front aisle in the church. (You have of course seen it there on occasion for baptisms, especially Easter Sunday!) By way of explanation---Many years ago it was in the small alcove to the left of the pulpit and the congregation could not see a baptism because it was out of view. So, it was moved toward the center, just in front of the first pew, in full view of the congregation and our participation. But with our newly purchased beautiful and large piano nearby, the font was dwarfed and so now, true to our Lutheran belief that God welcomes us into the life of faith through baptism, it is rightfully given its due at the center of our worship in both theology and location.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING...the Other Super Bowl...on February 5th

St. Luke's Youth Group will join other young people in churches across the country by holding SOUP pots at the church doors to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting, on February 5. All monies go to Lutheran World Hunger. Since Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990, more than \$100 million dollars has gone to help people in need.



Please give generously by dropping your dollars and checks in the soup pots on your way out of church. Checks should be made out to St. Luke's but please note on the memo line that it is for "*ELCA World Hunger*". Youth will be at the church doors and at coffee hour.

THANK YOU



The staff of St. Luke's Lutheran Church wishes to extend their thanks to all for your thoughtful Christmas gifts.

~ Pastor, Carla, Iryna, Silvia & Eduardo

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

As we prepare for our 40-day Lenten journey, we gather for a last feast of fats and sweets at our annual **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** on **Tuesday, February 28th**, the night before Ash Wednesday- which begins our 40 days of preparation for Easter. Enjoy the Shrove Tuesday “feast” first! Sign up in the narthex. Foods on at 7 p.m.!



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES – LENT BEGINS!



Ash Wednesday is just around the corner – March 1st!
The Ash Wednesday Liturgy of Holy Communion is at 8:00 p.m.
Ashes are also offered earlier at 12 noon.

WITH AWE AND LOVE – EVENING PRAYER IN LENT

We meet in the church for a brief quiet time of self-reflection and examination during our Lenten pilgrimage. *Service of Evening Prayer* is a restful time for five Wednesdays in March (March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29) from 7:30 -8:00 p.m. during the season of Lent. Candles, silence and simple brief worship offer a meeting place with God. Our theme this year – “*With Awe and Love*”, based on *Luther’s Small Catechism*.

Come sit a spell for a half hour in the glow of quiet prayer and candles. You need a time to rest with others in the presence of God.

LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE – 2017 SERMON SERIES

Pastor Bill will be preaching on the “Sermon on the Mount” which Jesus gave us to live the Christian life. Bring a friend as we relearn the way Jesus calls us to walk with him:

“The Surprising Blessing of the Beatitudes”	January 29 (Matthew 5: 1-12)
“Pass the Salt!”	February 5 (Matthew 5: 13-20)
“Jesus’ Stretch Goals – People of Integrity”	February 12 (Matthew 5: 21-37)
“Love, When They are Shouting in Your Face?!”	February 19 (Matthew 5: 38-48)



Come Join Us

Shrove Tuesday

February 28, 2017
at 7pm

for our annual, delicious
“Pancake Supper”

Lets Celebrate
MARDI GRAS
“Fat Tuesday”

Bring the Kids...

All guests in CRAZY HATS &
MASKS can win a prize!

*Don't have a mask, make one
(supplies will be provided)*



Sign up in the narthex!

**Any questions please
Contact Dawn at
mmcevoy33@aol.com**

Hope to see you there!

CHURCH DINNER AND FILM

The Lenten theme of forgiveness will be kicked off with a Church Dinner and viewing of the award-winning PBS film “Forgiveness” on Saturday, February 25 at 5 p.m. See the flyer in this newsletter for details.

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY

We hear so much about it in the gospels – “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” in the Lord’s Prayer... “This is my blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” in Christ’s Last Supper and our Holy Communion...as well as Jesus’ forgiving and eating with sinners and his forgiveness of the thief on the cross.

Yet we rarely hear that Word on a Sunday morning in the read scriptures. So we are lifting a tradition from the Orthodox Church called “Forgiveness Sunday”. We will emphasize forgiveness throughout worship on Sunday, February 26, including saying “I forgive you” in the passing of the Peace.

Bring a friend!

Forgiveness

The Key to Freedom

THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS - NEW EDUCATION PROGRAM

Our theme for this Lent is an emphasis on forgiveness in our lives and the life of the world. Forgiveness is at the heart of our journey with God and the life, death, resurrection and teaching of Jesus Christ. But how do we practice this forgiveness, the heart of Christianity in our lives? On three Sundays in March and one in April at 11:30 a.m. we will meet for a brief Bible study, video introduction and open conversation on the life we are called to – ***The Power of Forgiveness***”.

The Origin of Forgiveness (March 12)

What is Forgiveness? (March 19)

Why Do We Need to Forgive? (March 26)

How Forgiveness is Possible (April 2)

Everyone is invited!

Sessions are on Sundays, from 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. and meet in the Church Council room, or in Martin Luther Hall if larger space is needed.



VISITATION MINISTRY CONTINUES

We celebrate the beginning of the fourth year of Visitation Ministry to our homebound members by Elizabeth Brent and Deacon Marva Montalvo. Both continue to make regular visits to supplement pastoral visits. Deacon Marva and Elizabeth bring the comfort and consolation and the consecrated sacrament of Holy Communion from St. Luke's Sunday Eucharist

CHILDREN "BURY" THE ALLELUIA DURING LENT



On **Transfiguration Sunday, February 26**, children help bury the "Alleluia" for Lent until it is opened on Easter Sunday. We will find a new hiding place! Pastor will also gift each child with a token reminder of the cross of Christ to be carried throughout Lent into Easter Sunday.

THE 500 MILES JOURNEY-Guest preacher & speaker, Rev. Kathleen Koran

Last year Rev. Kathleen Koran, Assistant to Bishop Rimbo, walked the 500 mile journey from France to Spain, called "The Camino" or "The Road to the Shrine of St. James" with her husband and sister. Rev. Koran was kind enough to accept pastor's invitation to join him and preach on Sunday, March 5 at 10 a.m. She will share her experiences of spiritual pilgrimage, people that she met, and what it means for us on our own spiritual pilgrimage.



Following worship, Pastor Koran will further share her experiences along "The Way" and share photographs from the journey. There will be time for open conversation on the experience and questions.

Come join us Sunday, March 5th and bring a friend! We are looking forward to this exciting and unique experience as an invitation to our Lenten journey.

PRAYING FOR THE WORLD AND OUR COUNTRY



You are invited at the midpoint of Lent to a small gathering after Evening Prayer on Wednesday, March 22 in the Council Room to **PRAY FOR THE WORLD AND OUR COUNTRY** at 8:15 p.m. With a large map before us we will once again identify some of the nations, places, and people in need of healing, hope, and peace by placing a lighted tea candle on the map. We will be mindful of those concerns during the prayers. This was a very welcome event last year.

BOOK CLUB CORNER

St. Luke's Book Club met in December to discuss Geraldine Brooks' *The Secret Chord*. Pat Fredericks led our talk and guided us through the challenging Biblical times of King David. We covered David's story which is told in detail from early childhood to extreme old age. David is a flawed, heroic and paradoxical figure. We were fascinated and intrigued by the voices of David's women; Batsheva, Mikhal and Avigail, among others. Brooks use of lines directly from Scripture, embedded here and there in the novel, provided wonderful moments of connection and joyful recognition. Pat Fredericks followed up our book discussion by researching David's contributions to the Book of Psalms. She gave us her findings on all the Psalms attributed to David. We are grateful to Pat for her extra work and Biblical scholarship.



Our January selection was the highly acclaimed British novel *Behind the Scenes at the Museum* by Kate Atkinson. We had a lively and engaging discussion facilitated by our very own Brit, Elizabeth Brent. We applauded and lamented the book's ambitious structure which charts five generations and more than a century of family history. We pondered and debated the significance of the "Footnotes" which followed each chapter. Atkinson's use of this non-fiction technique enriched her novel with relevant back stories. These non-consecutive flashbacks and changing points of view challenged us as readers. As we noted the humor, we also discussed this dark tragic-comic story and focused on the untimely death of children, the effect of two World Wars on the family, the fate of characters who "disappeared" from their families and how women feel compelled to enter marriages in which they become unhappy.

Our next book is a recent memoir titled: *When Breath Becomes Air* written by Paul Kalinithi. We will meet Wednesday, February 15, in St. Luke's kitchen at 7:30 PM. All are welcome to join us.

GREETINGS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

December was a wonderful month full of Christmas Spirit for all of us at St. Luke's. December 11th was the Sunday School Pageant and Congregational Christmas Party that was very well attended. On December 18th we had a delicious lunch followed by Christmas caroling at the Wartburg. Thank you to all that helped, supported, cooked and attended! And a special thank you to Larry, Matthew and Jason Head for putting up the Christmas tree (twice!) and for leading efforts at St. Luke's to get this new beautiful tree.

January 8th a group of us took a bus trip to the Morgan Library Museum to see the (possibly once in a lifetime) Martin Luther Exhibit. There were original writings, his vestment, artifacts from his home and a lot of pictures and descriptions of things most of us didn't know. We all had a lovely bite to eat or drinks in the café and found some great things in the book store. It was a lot of fun and a different experience for us.

February events and activities ..

February 5th is "Souperbowl Sunday" and our Annual Meeting. The Youth Group has been leading this effort to support Lutheran World Hunger for many years. Their goal is to raise \$1000.00 to help end world hunger. Please give generously, and place cash or your checks made out to St Luke's, in the SOUP pots after service on Feb 5th. The Youth will be at all exits to gather donations for this worthwhile cause.

February 25th is our "Dinner and a Movie". Please see flyer and sign up in the church narthex. Tickets for this event are \$20 per person.



Finally, February 28 is Shrove Tuesday and our annual pancake supper. Please look for the sign up sheet in the narthex.

Lastly, our cook books are now ONLY \$5 EACH ...We would love to share them with you. Would make a great gift or keep one for yourself. See us anytime!

Gratefully yours,
Pat and Dawn

P.S. Remember, our church is only as strong as its members and we are so lucky and so thankful to have such great friends and members as you. Thank you all for being part of St. Luke's fellowship this year. If anyone would like to join us, whether for an event or to join the committee please let us know... God bless you all

Pat Damrow email: PatDamrow@hotmail.com and Dawn McEvoy email: Mmcevoy33@aol.com

Fellowship events at St Luke's are collaboratively sponsored by the Fellowship committee, St. Luke's Sunday School, the Stewardship committee, the Evangelism committee and the Youth Group. ... This is what Fellowship is all about, and we are always looking for new faces to join us in furthering our fellowship ministry. If you would like to support any of the events or join the committee, please contact us

Pictures from the Morgan Library – Martin Luther Exhibit



The 95 Theses



An Indulgence Box



Original documents

Caroling at the Wartburg



Pastor and Pat with Santa and his helpers



Having lunch at the Christmas Party



Our NEW Christmas Tree



CHURCH COUNCIL NOTE

- As a way of simplifying extra donations to entities such as ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Appeal, HOPE Community Services, etc. by our members and to keep track of our commitments to these, please always make checks out to *St. Luke's Lutheran Church* with the donation earmarked on the memo line for that particular charity. One check will then be sent from St. Luke's.
- Two new First Aid Kits were recently donated (located in the coat room in the narthex and outside the Church Office). We are asking now for a donation of \$1,500 to purchase a new Defibrillator for the church which could literally save someone's life.
- A stock account has been set-up for St. Luke's and we can now accept stock donations.

Angelika Ridulfo, Congregation Council Secretary

MERRY CHRISTMAS & NEWS from the Sunday School

The Christmas pageant was fabulous! We got so many great reviews. The children did so well. Thank you parents for your support in making sure they were prepared and present.

We had a fun and festive family Christmas party, went caroling at the Wartburg and to the Morgan Library. Thank you to all that participated!

We have the Pancake Supper on Feb 28th to usher in the Lenten Season ... all are invited. We make it fun for the kids by making masks and wearing crazy hats! Hope you call all make it.

All Children will be getting their new envelope boxes. It's a good time to teach them about tithing and responsibility. Please help us in supporting the Sunday School with the children's weekly donations. A separate letter will be going home with the boxes.

Please see the Bulletin Board as the children (and teachers) work very hard on them.

Again as a reminder, any children that are 3 years old and potty trained are welcome to join the Sunday School.

If you have any questions, please see me or contact me at mmcevoy33@aol.com . Thank you for entrusting us with the Christian education of your children.

Yours in Christ,

Dawn McEvoy – Superintendent and 6,7,8 & 9th grade; Karen Fontecchio – Asst. Superintendent and 3,4,5th grade; Gloria Head - 1st & 2nd grade; Jennifer Battaglino, Melissa McEvoy - Beginners, Pre-k and K; Traci Daniele – Treasurer; Jacob Kuligowski-Asst.

(See next page for Pictures)



Youth Group Update....

The youth Groupers have been very busy and we aren't stopping now...

From the Christmas Pageant and congregation party to caroling at the Wartburg and facilitating the toy drive, attending the Morgan Museum Martin Luther Exhibit and singing in the Jr. Choir, these kids are all over the church doing good deeds and service for others.

February is our big Souperbowl event to raise funds for Lutheran World Hunger. Please be sure to bless their soup pots after church on Sunday the 5th. All kids should wear football jerseys or I will have Thrivent t-shirts.

Jan 29th will be a meeting and work day for all Youth Groupers.

Mark your calendars: Youth will be in attendance to serve and participate at the Pancake Supper, Feb 28th and at Dinner and a Movie Feb 25th.

This year, besides the many service projects we participate in and around the church, we are planning a monthly Youth Group Session, just for the kids to be kids, to learn to play and grow together in their faith and in their lives. If you would like to join our Youth Group and are in 6th to 12th grade, please email me or see me on any given Sunday.

Thank you for all your support.

Yours in Christ,

Dawn McEvoy mmcevoy33@aol.com

A couple photos of our Youth Group at work. Go to the St Luke's Facebook page to see more.



2017 REGISTRATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION

Instruction for First Communion begins for Second Graders and above on Sundays, April 30 (Part 1) and May 7 (Part 2), from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Approval must come from the pastor after instruction for First Communion. Receiving their First Holy Communion will be during the worship service on Sunday, May 21 at 10:00 a.m. Parents should enroll their child immediately by calling the Church Office at 632-2116 or email StLuke654@aol.com, if they have not already registered their child. We want to have enough learning materials ordered in time for everyone!



EVANGELISM and SOCIAL MEDIA MOMENT

- ❖ Wonder where Little Luther is today? We are continuing to follow Little Luther's travels as St. Luke's celebrates the 500th year of the Reformation. Check out the link to the Little Luther Facebook page which has been placed on our website. Just go to "About" and "What's New" to access the link.
- ❖ Missing the electronic version of the newsletter? Check junk mail or spam folder of your e-mail. Sometimes e-mail will jump to these folders unexpectedly
- ❖ Want to know what is happening with each ministry? Coming soon to our website: Ministry pages

AROUND THE PARISH

In our prayers this month are all those hospitalized or with health concerns, especially Doug Smith, Jack and Barbara McLaughlin, Lawrence and Koni Harding and Gail Olsen, all those undergoing further tests or treatments, those in our Sunday prayers, those who have died in the Lord and the grieving, especially the family of Evelyn Bissinger.

Baptized into the faith... Ryan Matthew Head on January 8, 2017. We rejoice with his parents, Matthew & Kristen Head and grandparents, Larry & Gloria Head and Martha & Peter Johnson.



Memorials have been received for Andre Thompson given by Rupert Thompson, for Andre Thompson given by Carmen Thompson; for John & Rose Bell and Dolores & Clifford Dassler, given by Roberta & Clifford Dassler.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

2/1	Joan Godfrey Annmaria Rankis Connor Fredericks	2/10	Marva Montalvo Simone Rankis Robert Brent
2/2	Thyra Brooks Richard LeBoeuf	2/11	Angelika Ridulfo Jessica Damrow Kathleen Wirak Frank Kimber
2/3	Caroline Schombert	2/14	George Nienburg Aaron Fraser-Brockhoff
2/4	David Lenkowsky Melbourne Taylor	2/16	Thomas Roksvold
2/5	Nathaniel Ross	2/22	Carol Prout
2/6	John Kehoe	2/23	Nadia Conroy Stacia Ross
2/7	Jessica Fraser-Brockhoff Danielle Bissinger Jillian Fontecchio	2/25	Gloria Head Corinne Fredericks Blake
2/8	Julia Ungewitter Sarah Guido Brooke Ciesielski	2/27	Alessandra Battaglini
	2/28	Chandler Carter	

Anniversaries

Melissa Tepe & Michael McFarlene

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - FEBRUARY 2017

USHERS:

Feb. 5	Denise Tolles, Walt Mitze, Beth Mitze, Jennifer Archer
12	Henry Doerr, Rosemarie Doerr, Ray Ranis, Dori DeCarlo
19	Karen Jantzen, Petrona Brissett, Bob Maresca, Lydia Bersito
27	Rupert Thompson, Peter Johnson, Ed O'Garro, Jeremy Harris

ACOLYTES

Feb. 5	Cory Tupper	Feb. 19	Shari Taylor, Jennifer O'Garro (Sr. Acolyte)
Feb. 12	Elliot Aponte	Feb. 26	Stephanie Elmer

COUNCILPERSON:

Feb. 5	Julia Ungewitter	Feb. 19	Larry Head
Feb. 12	Pat Fredericks	Feb. 26	Elizabeth Brent

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Feb. 5	Martin Ungewitter	Feb. 19	Henry Doerr
Feb. 12	Rosalind Carter	Feb. 26	Deacon Marva Montalvo

LECTORS

Feb. 5	Doug Smith	Feb. 19	Denise Tolles
Feb. 12	Brett Buehrer	Feb. 26	Elizabeth Brent

ALTAR GUILD

Feb. 5	Nancy Sigler, Susanne Kuligowski	Feb. 19	Pat Fredericks, Pat Zyloney
Feb. 12	Irene Breen, Jennifer Archer	Feb. 26	TBA

COUNTERS

Feb. 5	Doug Smith, Nancy Sigler	Feb. 19	Doug Smith, Traci Daniele
Feb. 12	Thyra Brook, Karen Jantzen	Feb. 26	Rupert Thompson, Peter Johnson

COFFEE HOUR

Feb. 5	Sr. Choir	Feb. 19	Sunday School
Feb. 12	Social Ministry	Feb. 26	Evangelism

If you cannot keep your scheduled assignment, please make arrangements to **switch with someone** and **let the church office know** early that week. Thank you.

[Abbreviations-**BB**: Banner Bearer, **C**: Crucifer, **A**: Acolyte, **TB**: Torch Bearer]

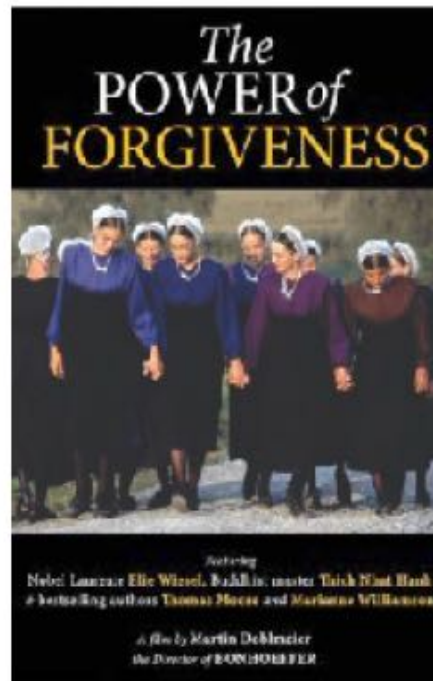
St. Luke's Lutheran Church

presents

Dinner and A Movie

Saturday, February 25, 2017 ~ beginning at 5pm

\$20 per person



“The Power of Forgiveness” Directed by Martin Doblmeier

To forgive someone can be simple. But this simple act can have powerful consequences – and may lead to a personal and spiritual transformation. Recently, the study of forgiveness has come into its own. Researchers are examining the psychological and physical effects of forgiveness under an amazingly wide variety of conditions, ranging from petty insults to sexual assault to 9/11. Clinicians now help guide people to forgive transgressions and get on with their lives. From Ground Zero to Northern Ireland to the Amish countryside, *The Power of Forgiveness* explores this important concept, and reveals how forgiveness can transform your life. Featuring Elie Wiesel (Nobel Laureate, Holocaust survivor and Oprah Book Club author); Marianne Williamson (spiritual activist and author of *Healing the Soul of America*); Thich Nhat Hanh (Buddhist teacher, author and peace activist); and Thomas Moore (author of the bestselling *Care of the Soul*).

To RSVP, by Feb 19th, please use the sign up sheet in the narthex or contact the church office at (914)632-2116 or email stlukes654@aol.com.

Please make checks payable to St. Luke's and write "Movie" in the memo.

If you have any questions please contact Dawn McEvoy at mmcevoy33@aol.com.

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - FEBRUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
All Sundays 9a-Sr. Choir Rehearsal 10a-Choir 10a-Sunday School 11:15a-Jr. Choir Rehearsal 11:15a-Coffee Hour			1 9:30a-Clergy Sermon Study	2	3 7:15p-Boy Scouts	4 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
5 Souper Bowl Sunday 10a-Eucharist 11:15a-Annual Congregation Mtg.	6 7p-A.A. Mtg.	7 7:30p-Sunday School Staff Mtg.	8 9:30a-Clergy Sermon Study 7p-Altar Guild	9	10 7:15p-Boy Scouts	11 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
12 10a-Eucharist 11:30a-Adult Ed-"The Forgotten Luther"-Robert Brent Lincoln's Birthday	13 7p-A.A. Mtg.	14 7:30p-Church Council Mtg. Valentine's Day	15 9:30a-Clergy Sermon Study	16	17 7:15p-Boy Scouts	18 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group
19 10a-Eucharist	20 President's Day Office Closed 7p-A.A. Mtg.	21	22 9:30a-Clergy Sermon Study Washington's Birthday	23	24 7:15p-Boy Scouts	25 9:30a-A.A. Men's Group 5p-CHURCH DINNER AND FILM, "FORGIVE- NESS"
26 FORGIVENESS SUNDAY 10a-Eucharist	27 7p-A.A. Mtg.	28 Shrove Tuesday 7p-Pancake Supper	MARCH 1—ASH WEDNESDAY 12p-Distribution of Ashes 8p-Ash Wed. Service 8p-Sr. Choir	7:30p-Lenten Vespers March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5		

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