



# EAGLES' WINGS

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**"To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you."**

—C.S. Lewis

## JESUS GAVE HIS LIFE FOR YOU AND ME

The journey we take through the Lenten season leads us to the cross where Jesus died taking our place. He died to pay the price that our sins required. He is the sacrifice for our sins and without Jesus doing this we would not have forgiveness or eternal life in heaven.

This journey is not an easy one because we know we caused the death of Jesus. Some people do not want to remember what it cost to save their soul. Others refuse to admit the truth of the suffering and death of Jesus. There seems to be a lot more people ignoring the passion of Jesus than the number of people who worship both Sundays and Wednesdays during Lent. It would not take much for us to join the majority of people who skip Lent and its painful examination of sinful thoughts, words and actions.

There is a truth we need to keep in mind as we feel sorrow over our sins and what happened to Jesus.

The truth Jesus asks us to see is that HE GAVE HIS LIFE for you and me. No one took His life. Jesus did not lose His life in a senseless act imposed upon Him. The enemies of Jesus would like us to think Jesus was overcome. But the truth is Jesus GAVE HIS LIFE of His own free will and from God's own planning. The Lord took the words and actions of the enemies of God and made them serve His purpose of giving you and me and all people salvation! Our Lord wants us to know the price to make us free from the grip of sin, death and the Devil, but to also know that He, the Son of God, did this willingly in order to save us! This is the sure proof that God loves you and me. He intends to take us to heaven and calls upon us to take Him at His word and follow Him.

This great act of giving is the identifying characteristic believers are privileged to imitate out of gratitude for love our Lord has given us first. A church dedi-

cated to the Lord is full of givers who are confident and secure in their faith and do not expect any return for what they give. It is enough to know the Lord continually graces us. Should anyone say thank you for what is given, we can graciously receive the compliment and point out all comes from God. We cannot give as much as the Lord gives us. We will never exhaust the supply of love and blessing the Lord can and does give us.

What we can do is acknowledge through our worship and praise what Jesus has given to you and me. What we can do is help others see the wisdom of God's plan of salvation and invite them to believe in the Savior as we do. All together we admit our sins, repent of them and in thanksgiving trust to guide us from sin to everlasting life in heaven.

Pastor Jeffrey A. Berg

## Spend Time with the Lord

Right now in our campus ministry Bible study, we are studying the events of Holy Week from the gospel of Matthew. It's interesting to note that Matthew uses a full one-third of the length of his book to tell of this one week in the life of Jesus, from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. Why is this the case? We can observe two truths for sure: one is that the events of Holy Week are most important in the story of our salvation. The other is that Jesus himself spends so much time during this week warning the religious rulers, teaching the people, and counseling his disciples.

You see, Jesus is pleased to spend time with us. Where was Jesus during the week leading up to his suffering and death? Did he go up on a mountain by himself? Did he wander out into the wilderness? No, he went straight to Jerusalem and spent his remaining time with his disciples and the people. He had much to do, much to say, and for that we are most thankful. On Palm Sunday when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, he received the praises of those who recognized him as the King of Kings. On Maundy Thursday as he prayed for us in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus showed himself to be our Great High Priest. On "busy Tuesday" of Holy Week, when Jesus did most of his public teaching, he fulfilled his role as the Great Prophet who would speak the words and will of our Father in heaven. Jesus spends time with his people; Jesus spends time with us. So it's no wonder that Matthew uses one-third of his book to tell what happened during just one week of Jesus' life.

Jesus also invites us to spend time with him as he heads for the cross. He invites you to be as close to him as his disciples were in the Upper Room as you hear his gracious Word and receive his gracious Supper. He invites you to be as close to him as his mother Mary and disciple John were at the cross, confessing your sins and finding the Lord's forgiveness there. And he invites you to walk with him each day and receive the good counsel of his Word, just as the disciples walked with him on their way to the Mount of Olives.

Our Lenten worship is one such opportunity. Each Sunday we rejoice in the Lord's salvation through Christ's resurrection; each Wednesday we remember the path our salvation took as we walk along with Jesus to Calvary. And then on Holy Week we not only commemorate but also receive strength in hearing one more time what our Lord Jesus did for us on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

I would also invite you to consider some new opportunities to spend time with Jesus. Daily devotions and Bible readings are available from our Wisconsin Synod's newly redesigned website, [wels.net](http://wels.net). If you visit [wels.net/subscribe](http://wels.net/subscribe), you can sign up to receive these devotions and Bible readings each day by email. They are truly worthwhile. And if you prefer to operate in "offline" mode, use our printed Meditations devotions and daily readings from your Bible to spend time with your Lord each day.

Your Lord is about to show you once again this Lenten season how much time, and suffering, and love he spent for you. And he says to you as he said to his disciples, "Keep watch with me; watch and pray." Spend time with your Lord; walk with him to Calvary through his Word and holy Supper.

*Pastor Nathan Ericson*

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## From the Principal's Desk

The school has wrapped up its Pre-registration and is in the process of finalizing numbers for the 2010-2011 school year. With the numbers that we have gathered our school next year's enrollment will top the current 124 students that we are blessed with this year. One of our challenges that we face for next year is planning for our projected 3-4 grade. We have the potential to have 30 plus students in those grades for next school year. With the recent announcement of Mrs. Werner's retirement we are studying the best way to meet the needs of these students. Proposals will be forth coming as we prayerfully consider the options that lie before us.

This month we have the privilege of hosting three Martin Luther College students at our school for a

week. These sophomores from M.L.C. will be here to fulfill their Early Filed Experience which is a required element for their ministry preparation.

Christian Education Week begins Sunday, March 7, with the entire Christian Day School singing in the 10:30 a.m. service. A special door collection will take place for our Education Fund which assists some families in providing a Christ-Centered education for their children. The students will have displays out for you to take a closer look what is going on at our school. Later in the day an Open House and Sock Hop will take place beginning at 2:00 p.m. On Thursday the incoming PK and Kindergarten students are invited to our visitation day. This week is a celebration of Christian Education at Martin Luther.

On March 11, our school will send two 5-6 grade and two 7-8 grade students to W.L.A. to take part in the annual Spelling Bee. Selected students in grades 5-6 and 7-8 will be competing in a Math Bowl hosted by Fox Valley Lutheran. The 5-6 grade competes on March 18, and the 7-8 grade competes on March 23.

May the Lord continue to bless you as we watch our Savior make His way to the cross this Lenten Season.

Principal Hennig

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## Mrs. Frederickson, Kindergarten

In January we kept ourselves busy by reading with the reading buddies on Friday mornings and on Friday afternoons we get to read with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. We are having a good time showing off our reading talent. It is fun to learn new things and get to show it to others. We also learned about the number 100. We celebrated our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school by doing various activities that dealt with the number 100. We now know that it takes 10 groups of 10 to make 100. We are all members of the 100

club, which means we can all count to 100 by ourselves. We also learned how to do some jump roping so we could use our jumping skills to participate in Jump Rope for Heart. We also traveled to The Building for Kids in Appleton one snowy morning to explore our senses and get some movement activities in.

In the next month we will be traveling with our Savior as he leads us to the cross. We will be talking about the Lenten Season and prepare for our Savior's triumph at Easter. We

will be doing a short unit on magnets and another one on oceans. We continue to enjoy the Superkids as they help us read and learn about their club. We are also going to gear up for the letters Q and U as they will be married in a few weeks. On March 11 we will get to visit first grade because next year's kindergarten class wants to come that day and see what kindergarten is all about. We look forward to a sneak peek into next year. We also look forward to the opportunity for extra worship during the Lenten Season.

### **Special Gifts**

In memory of Richard Brewer, \$50 for school  
In memory of Laurie Raupp, \$15 for church & school

## Mrs. Busse, Grade 2

In February we enjoyed participating in our annual Jump Rope for Heart event. It was a lot of fun to help raise money for the American Heart Association while joining in lots of heart healthy activities. In Social Studied we've learned about our local, state, and federal governments

and how our leaders are chosen. We also enjoyed learning about Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. On March 7<sup>th</sup> we will join with the whole school in beginning the celebration of Christian Education week by singing in church. We are very blessed to have a congrega-

tion that supports Christian Education, may the Lord continue his blessing upon us. During this season of Lent may the Lord be with us as we follow along with Jesus on his journey to the cross. God bless your month.

## Jump Rope for Heart Mrs. Werner, Grades 3 & 4

Students in grades PreK4 through Grade 8 recently spent an afternoon with heart healthy exercises to raise awareness on taking care of our hearts. They also raised donations for the American Heart Association which will be used for research in our area. The students raised over \$1800. The top three fundraisers were Jordan Buchholz, Kendra Bloechl, and Cody Groth.

Welcome March! May your beautiful spring days arrive quickly. Grades 3-4 have been learning about how God used different gifts and abilities of his leaders during the troubled years of the Israelites in Canaan. As a result, we were able to have a good discussion about the gifts and abilities we have been by God to serve Him. Come check out our posters to see what we discovered.

In a couple of weeks we will have Mrs. Strusz's sister, Hannah Horn

from Martin Luther College, help in our classroom and experience the world of grades three and four as part of her Early Field Experience requirements.

Grade 4 will be finishing up their study of the regions of the United States and will then spend the rest of the year learning in more detail about the history of Wisconsin. On March 7 we will be singing for Education Sunday. Watch for more details.

## Mr. Hennig, Grades 5 & 6

Recently, the class has taken an interesting look at how many scientists theorize how the world came about and how the earth has changed. In our classroom we have looked at different scientific theories such as, seafloor spreading and plate tectonics. We look at these theories in the light of God's Word and discuss the truth about the earth's beginning.

The fifth and sixth grade has recently completed a Web Quest: *Our Side of the Mountain*. This activity had the children prepare for an outdoor adventure in the Rocky Mountains. They

broke into groups to prepare for their stay in the mountains with nothing but what they purchases with their \$320.00. This money was used to purchase supplies for the group to survive in the wild. The other groups were in charge of vegetation, land formation, and wildlife. I hope they all make it back safely.

This month we welcome Miss Mollie Dorn to our classroom for a week visit. Mollie is a Sophomore at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota. She will be completing her Early Field Experience in our classroom.

We wanted to thank you all for all you have done for our family. Your thoughts, prayers, gifts and generosity have meant so much to us. It's hard to find the words to express our gratitude. Thanks again and God's blessings to you all.

Mary & Dan Luebke and family

## Mrs. Strusz, Grade 1

We are learning about nickels in math this month. We'll also learn how to add dimes, nickels and pennies all together. We will start to learn about King David in our Christ Light lessons and how our God is full of mercy and forgiveness. Kindergarten will join us for a day to see what it's like to be a first grader. We sing for church on March 7 at the 10:30 service. We will also be spending a week focusing on the blessing of having a Christian education. Have a blessed month in the Lord.

## Mrs. Hennig, 3-Year-Old Pre-K

We are going to be busy, busy, busy during March! Spring is hopefully just around the corner and there's lots to do to get ready! Our Bible stories will continue to focus on the miracles of Jesus, as His almighty power shows us He truly is the Son of God. The theme for the month will be Nursery Rhymes. We will have lots of fun learning some of the more popular rhymes and doing different activities to go along with them. All of this will help us get ready for the

spring program as we will be working together with the 4's to showcase some of our favorite rhymes. The children will also have a wonderful opportunity to experience what Pre K 4 is like as they will get to visit Mrs. Berg's classroom on March 11.

## Mrs. Berg, 4– Year-Old Pre-K

Mark Your Calendars! Some very important dates coming up in March! Pre K4 will be singing with the entire school on March 7<sup>th</sup> in church at the 10:30a.m. Service. This is the start of our Christian education week. Another very important date is on March 11<sup>th</sup>. All **three** year old **children** who would like to take a sneak peek at what PreK4 is all about are

welcome to attend our classroom on this day from 9a.m. until 11a.m. Watch for more information coming! We will be holding a mini session for these children during this time. **Four** year old students will be visiting Kindergarten. I hope to see multitudes of happy faces!! This month we will be super busy finishing up our numbers 0 -10, new letters, printing our

names, learning about weather, and colors. Also, this month Pre K4 will be practicing raising our hands to speak in class, waiting and taking our turns. Most important we will continue to learn about Jesus and His work here on earth. We will hear again of His great love as He died on the cross to save us. Have a blessed month in the Lord!

## X-Stream Youth Group

Our latest meeting was February 21 where we set the date of Sunday, March 14 as the date we will be going to a Milwaukee Wave Soccer game which starts at 2:00 PM. We will be leaving church at 10:00 AM on Sunday, March 14 to go to the game. The cost of tickets will be \$17.00 per ticket and whatever money you need for food. A sign up list has been placed at the information center of church. All youth in grades 8-12 are invited to sign up by Sunday March 7 so we can buy the proper number of tickets and arrange

proper transportation. Please pay all money for the tickets to Pastor Berg as soon as you sign up to go to the Wave game.

The next business meeting for X-stream will be held on Sunday, March 21 after our second service. Bring \$5.00 towards the purchase of a Snack Pack at Culvers, or more money if you have a big appetite.

We are still looking for our young adults to form ushering teams or join teams that already exist. This

is a great way to be a part of the worship of our Lord and prepare for leadership in our church. Contact Mr. Bob Becker (231-8278) for more information about serving as an usher. Both men and women are asked to serve as ushers.

We welcome any adults who are willing to serve as chaperones or leaders for events, meetings and the Youth Rally. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor Berg.

## Christian Education Week

March 7-12

### Sunday, March 7th

2:00-4:00 Open House

2:00-5:00 Sock Hop

### Thursday, March 11th

**9:00-11:00 Visitation Day at Martin Luther.** Any student eligible for Pre-K3, Pre-K4 or Kindergarten for the 2010-2011 school year is invited to spend the morning in the classroom getting the taste of what school's all about. Moms and dads are invited to spend the time in the Moms' (and Dads') Group getting to know other Martin Luther School parents. Everyone will get together again at 11:00 for lunch! This morning is designed for both current and incoming families to familiarize students with what will be there classroom in the fall. They'll spend time with the teachers and get to make some new friends. Please RSVP to the school office or [office@martinlutheroshkosh.com](mailto:office@martinlutheroshkosh.com) to help with planning.

### EDUCATION DOOR COLLECTION

In conjunction with Christian Education Week we'll be holding a door collection at church services for you to give an offering towards the Kramer/Kleinhans/Briggs Tuition Assistance fund. This is the fund from which we have been taking money to assist families who are not able to pay full tuition at Martin Luther, area Lutheran High Schools and colleges. This fund has been declining over the years, especially as of late. In order to ensure that we will have funds to offer in the coming years, the SLB along with the Youth Discipleship Committee and the Trust Committee (who oversees distribution of funds) is asking you to give an offering in the door collection held March 7-14.

The name for our tuition assistance fund is taken from the names of people who started the fund. Pastor Harold Kleinhans served this congregation for 47 years. The initial tuition assistance funds were established in his name. Another infusion of funds came from the estate of Mrs. Dorothy Kramer. The most recent addition is an annual annuity in memory of Frieda and Warren Briggs. Various service organizations give annually to this fund as well as memorials and offerings. Our current chairman of the Trust Committee is Mr. Jerry Keup. The amount of \$6254 was awarded to help families in this current school year. If no additional funds are added, the trust fund possibly could be depleted in three or four years. Please keep the Trust fund in mind as you pray and see opportunities to give special offerings.

## Sunday School News

The Mission Offering for the second half of our current school year is being gathered for the relief of earthquake victims in Haiti. A bake sale held on February 7th brought in \$241 for the Committee on Relief which will be designated for Haiti. Thank you to everyone that donated treats and to those that purchased them. Children can give an offering using the Mission envelope in the youth packet or using a plain envelope and writing "Mission Offering" on the outside. An envelope can be given either in the church collection plate or at the beginning of Sunday school when we meet in church. To date we have gathered \$15.24 for this mission work. The Sunday school lessons for March are :

March 7 – Paying Taxes to Caesar ( Matthew 22:15-22; Mark 12:13-17; Luke 20:20-26)theme: "Jesus told his enemies to do their duties to the government and to God."

March 14 –In the Upper Room (Matthew 26:14-26; Mark 14:10-26; Luke 22:1-223; John 13:1-30) theme: "Jesus taught his disciples to serve each other in love and gave them the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins."

March 21 – Peter's Denial (Matthew 26:31-75; Mark 14:27-72; Luke 22:31-62; John 18:15-27) theme: "Peter fell into sin because he trusted in himself rather than in God."

March 28 –Jesus is Crucified (Matthew 27:31-44; Mark 15:20-32; Luke 23:26-39; John 19:16-24) theme: "Jesus willingly let himself be crucified to pay for the sins of the world."

The next meeting of the Sunday school staff will take place on Monday, March 1 at 6:30 P.M.

## LWMS Join Us In The Show Me State

The 47th annual convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, June 24-27, 2010. We will travel by Nationwide coach bus to St. Louis leaving on June 23rd and returning June 27th. Below is the itinerary and the events of the day during the trip.

Wednesday, June 23rd..Leave Nationwide office at 7:00, pick up Festival Foods in Oshkosh at 7:30 and we're off to St. Louis to make our home at the Drury Plaza Hotel.

Thursday, June 24th..Breakfast at the hotel then a 3-hour city tour of the St. Louis area. Then to Grant's Farm and lunch. We'll stop at the convention to register and pick up packets, etc. Dinner at Union Station and the opening service. Then back on the bus (or walk the one block) to the hotel.

Friday, June 25th...Breakfast at the hotel and then to the convention. The evening meal is a 2-hour Moonlight Mississippi River dinner cruise!

Saturday, June 26th...Breakfast at the hotel and then to the convention.

Sunday, June 27th...Breakfast at the hotel and then to the closing service before heading for home. On the way home we'll stop at Lincoln's tomb in Springfield, IL.

Price: Single \$775 Double \$545 Triple \$515 Quad \$485. (Be sure to list who will be sharing a room with you so everyone is matched up correctly and we reserve the proper number of rooms.) Prices include transportation, all lodging, 6 meals, sightseeing costs. A minimum of 35 people is required. All reservations are first-come-first-served. A \$100 down payment is required with final payment due by April 15th. Make checks payable to Nationwide Travelers and send them to Nancy Flenz, 926 William Street, Menasha, WI, 54952. Don't hesitate to call with any questions. 722-6004

### Ladies Guild March Serving Schedule

Altar Clothes Linda Elmer

Candelabra Mary Braasch, Joan Kollmann

Communion Ware March 14th Jeanette Hando  
March 28th Paula Nimmer

Funeral Coordinator Rita Neumann

Funeral Servers Ellen Anderson, Paula Nimmer,  
Trudy Wuethrich

Phone Joanne Selenka

Flowers Gail Bates, Ellen Hennig

Lunch Committee for Sandy McHugh, Jeanette Hando  
March

Dates to Remember March 4th meeting, 1:30

### 2010 Men's Club Schedule

February 3rd—Annual Planning Meeting

February 17th—Host Soup Supper

April 14th—Cribbage Tournament

May 5th—Family Night: Cinco de Mayo

June 11th—Timbler Rattler Game

July 15th—Brat Fry

August 12th—Corn Roast

September (TBD)—Golf Outing

October 6th—Sheepshead Tournament

November 3rd—Fall Family Night

December 1st—Christmas Party

*All members of Martin Luther Church and School  
and your friends are invited to join Men's Club  
for fun and fellowship!*