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By the Way



PASTOR JOHN

Dear Friends,

With the arrival of February we again find ourselves at the threshold of lent. Though the joy of Christmas is only weeks behind us we already find ourselves moving into the lamentations of lent. We move from the birth of Christ to his death in very short order in the church year, and so the season of lent is a necessary time of preparation to help us more fully appreciate the events of Holy Week. You are encouraged to participate in the lenten



We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:19



PASTOR JOHN STENNFELD
Pastor, Christ Lutheran Church

mid-week series in order to enhance your Easter experience and your lenten repentance. The heights of Jesus' glory is better understood in light of the depths of his suffering. To know Jesus' love one must also know Jesus' sacrifice... the two cannot be separated from each other. Our lenten series will explore the 7 things that God hates in human behavior from Proverbs 6, and how God in Christ removes those things from us.

To God be the Glory,

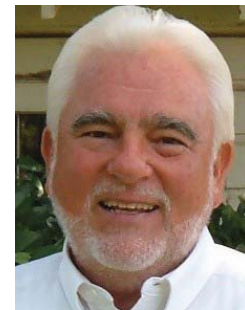
Pastor John

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well-Well-Well Look who is president! Can you believe it? Who would have thunk it. A small town boy from Pineville, Louisiana. Growing up to be the President of a church congregation. I tell you "I" would have never believed it. Our Lord does work in mysterious ways. It is an honor and a privilege to get elected to this position. I want to thank all of you. I will do my best to keep up the good work that has been done by our past presidents. Especially Albert Carrion Jr., I could never fill his shoes. But I will try. Y'all just hang in there with me for a while until I get the hang of it. A little bit about me. My name is Robert K.

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BOB WILEY
President

Wiley, I can't tell you what the K. stands for or I would have to kill you. I am married to my wonderful wife Jean M. Wiley. I can't tell you what the M. stands for or my wife would kill me. We have been married for uh---30 uh—something years?? I think 33 or 34. We got married on my birthday (in Luckenbock, Texas) so you would think I would remember the year. I do "the day" August 11th. I just have trouble with the years. One year I went through all the trouble to celebrate our 25th anniversary, silver bracelet, flowers, out to eat at a very

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expensive restaurant, etc. It was during the coffee and desert that she reminded me that it was not “25” but only 24. You would have thought she would have given me the bracelet back. And I could have given it to her the next year. But nooooo-- I had to do it all over the next year. O-Well, love is great. I sold skid steer loaders for Bobcat and Caterpillar for 36 years. Two years ago I started my own business. SKID STEER ATTACHMENTS OF TEXAS— I sell attachments that go on to the front of skid steers. I am a dealer for 29 different companies. I have 62 different attachments in my back-yard right now. My wife loves it. Yea right. Business is slow but I am surviving and having fun. I am my own boss. Yahoo— well except for when my wife tells me what to do. Do I need to remind you - Love is great.

Again I want to thank you for electing me to this position. My door is always open. You can call me anytime day

or night. I will be glad to talk with you and help you in any way I can, or just answer any questions you have. Or complaints-- I don't care-- if you have a problem call me let's talk. If I do not have the answer I will find it and get back to you.

PEOPLE OF CHRIST SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST. That is our motto. So let's do it.

Let's all work together to make Christ Lutheran Church a wonderful place to come and worship and share friendships. My phone number is 512-739-3188 My e-mail is rwiley9176@sbcglobal.net May the Light of Our God's Love shine forever in your hearts. Robert K. Wiley President, Christ Lutheran Church

THE R&R GROUP

Relaxed & Retired but always Rarin' to Go! Please join R & R in the Fellowship Hall for lunch

and a movie on Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 11:30am. Lunch will be provided. If you would like, bring a snack to have during the movie. Also, bring a movie and we will choose which one we will watch. Contact Katherine or Franklin Rich-ter for more information.

Mark your calendars for our March 1, 2012 event which will be lunch at Cannoli Joe's Restaurant for an "Italian Feast".

EUNICE GUILD

Eunice Guild will meet on Tuesday, February 21, 2012, at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Every one is invited to attend. Bring your lunch and come early for fellowship. Don't forget your Mites and cancelled stamps. We are collecting wrapped bar soap for Lutheran World Relief through March. There is a box in the Narthex marked "Eunice Guild" if you wish to donate. Thanks to all for your support of the Eunice Guild.

The Quilt group will meet on Thursday, February 9th and 23rd at 11am. Thanks

to all who donated supplies. We still need old mattress pads and blankets for filler. We had 8 ladies at our last session and tied 3 quilts in less than 2 hours. Every one is invited to help and no experience is needed.

The LWML Prayer Service will take place on February 12, 2012, at 3pm, at Concordia University in Building A. Please bring cookies for the reception.

SUPER BOWL-OF-CHILI COOK-OFF

The annual Super Bowl-of-Chili Cook-Off will be on Sunday, February 5th at 5p.m. Kick-off is at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is urged to team up with another person or couple and cook a pot of chili or if you have a secret recipe you may cook it by yourself. A donation of \$1.00 is asked of every adult to be used as a prize for the winner of the best chili. If you don't bring chili please bring a snack. Bring drinks of your choice. If you do not have a chili recipe, here is one out of the Eunice Guild "Cooking Favorites of Austin" Cook Book (page



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EASY CHILI
 by Bertha Torbett
 1 lb. hamburger meat
 1 can chili
 salt to taste
 chili powder, if desired

Fry meat for a short time in skillet, without grease. Then add water and salt and cook a little longer; add one can of chili and cook 20-30 minutes more. (Any kind of canned chili can be used.) If stronger flavor is desired, add chili powder during cooking. So no excuse for not knowing how to cook chili. Plan now on coming to the annual Super Bowl Chili for fun & fellowship. For more information, call the Wiley's at 739-3188.

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**LENTEN
 MID-WEEK
 WORSHIP**

The theme for this year's mid-week lenten services will be "Things God Hates" based upon Proverbs 6:16-19. The wise king tells us in this text that: "There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes,

feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers." Each week we will unpack one of these things that is the antithesis of God and His nature. Services each Wednesday will again be held at 12 noon and 7pm. Join in the fellowship during a soup and salad lunch following the noon services. Please refer to the calendar for the "soup of the day." We hope that you will plan to include this worship opportunity in your spiritual preparation for the events of Holy Week.

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JESUS PAINTER

On the pulpit side of the church sanctuary is a huge portrait of Jesus, a piece produced by nationally acclaimed Christian performance artist Mike Lewis. On Sunday, February 12, you have the opportunity to see him, "The Jesus Painter," live at Bethany Lutheran Church. The **cost is \$5** and seating is first come first serve. The doors open at 5:30 pm and the event ends at 7:30 pm. This will be a wonderful event to hear God's Word on serving Him with your life. The three guests include

Mike Lewis, Nathan Tasker (2011 Christian Artist of the Year), and Dr. Jacob Youmans (professor at Concordia University Texas). Please contact Landon Becker at Landon@blcms.org or call (512) 292-8778 with questions.

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THANK YOU

Thanks to the members of Christ Lutheran for your support during and after Alden's illness. We cannot begin to tell you how much we appreciate everything; the prayers, cards, visits, kind words, the wonderful food, memorials, and all else you and the Lord have done for us. Pastor John, thank you for all you have done in so many ways. The family at Christ mean so very much to us. May God bless you all.
 Dorothy Traugott
 Brenda and family
 Janet and family

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**FEED MY LAMBS
 UPDATE**

The sack lunch program handed out 61 lunches during the month of December in addition to several hygiene packs. We continue to hand out fresh sandwiches on the last Friday of

each month (this month's date will be February 24th. Please consider donating non-perishable, sack lunch items, personal hygiene items, and any coats, hats, or other clothing items. If you have any questions regarding the Feed My Lambs program, please feel welcome to contact the church office.

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A SAAM REPORT

We, the members of Christ Lutheran, helped 61 people/families who needed aid with rent in the amount of \$11,722 in 2011. We assisted 43 families/people needing help to pay for their utilities in the amount of \$3,683.58 in 2011. We paid \$123.59 to obtain necessary prescriptions for those who could not afford them in 2011 - a grand total of well over \$15,000 in all! Isn't that amazing?!? Well, we didn't do it alone. We did it in conjunction with a dozen other congregations with whom we are united in the South Austin Assistance Ministry (SAAM), an organization that picks

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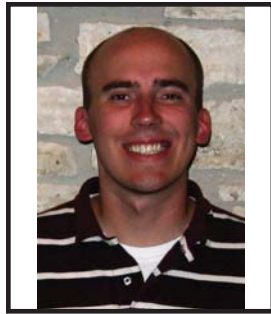


Kingdom Quest

The children are completing a four year scope and sequence chronicling the stories of the Old Testament, the life of Jesus according to the four gospels, and the growth of the Early Church. The youth meet in the Christ's Workshop for Bible studies to discuss issues pertaining to life in Christ pertinent to their particular stage in life. This ministry helps children and youth Read the Bible, Pray to God, and Serve Others.

Valentine's Day Video

We will be creating a video for worship on Sunday, February 12th, to celebrate God's gift of love. Couples who have been married for 50 years or more are invited to share stories of how they met and what has kept them



JORDAN BOESSLING
Minister of Creative Communications & Community Connections

together for over half a century. Interviews will take place after late worship on Sundays or before or after Thursday morning Bible Study hours through February 5th, or during church office hours. Contact Jordan to set up an appointment.

January Mission: Food Bank

The fourth "quarter" of our Christian Education's Souper Bowl of Caring food drive is February 5, the day of the big football

Food Bank



game. Bring donations of cans of soup for the Food Bank to the Kingdom Quest room.

February Mission: Sack Lunch Ministry

Thank you to Joki Gonzalez and Joe Campos for consistently being at church on Fridays to help Alana put together and hand out sack lunches. We join with Grace United Methodist Church and Congress Avenue Baptist Church to provide sack lunches for the homeless of our community. If you feel so led to do, you are invited to donate, sack, and distribute single serve non perishable food items for Friday mornings, and even make sandwiches. Now in the colder months, we are collecting and distributing hats, gloves, coats, blankets and socks. In preparation for spring and summer, we are putting together hygiene kits and your donations for such are welcome. Please contact the church office to get involved.

Community Connections

Please stay tuned to the Sunday announcements for details about a specific service project event for February. The Quilters meet every second and fourth Thursdays of the

month at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall to sew quilts for Lutheran World Relief. The Braille Bible Workers meet every third Tuesday at 9 am to print volumes of books of the Bible in Braille for the blind. They carpool to Hope Lutheran Church from church. The Food Bank and Texas Ramp Project welcome volunteers and families to sign up on your own help sort and package food (age 8 and older) and build wheelchair ramps (age 14 and older), respectively.

Summer 2012

Coming soon is information about Vacation Bible School, a church Mission Trip, and a community Art Camp.

Birthdays and Anniversary Photos

Please remember to submit birthday and wedding anniversary photos to the church office, or request to have one taken on a Sunday, to celebrate these occasions via the Sunday announcements slides on the screen.

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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Tommy Taylor	2/1	*		Frank Veloz	2/16	*
Claudio & Aurora Martinez	2/3/1946	*	O	Alan & Alice Werchan	2/17/1996	*
Valerie Kanetzky	2/4	*		Aurora Martinez	2/19	*
Richard Fletcher	2/8	*		Michael Zieschang	2/20	*
David Schaare	2/8	*		Joe Albert Aguilera	2/21	*
Clarity Glass	2/10	*		Jean Cano	2/21	*
Phil Etter	2/11	*		Robert Whitehurst	2/21	*
Sonny Mitchell	2/11	*		Benjamin & Cynthia Arldt	2/22/2008	*
Freddie Richter	2/11	*		Barbara Craig	2/22	*
Helen Karcher	2/12	*		Ester Martinez	2/25	*
Maria Calvo	2/14	*		Jo Kautz	2/26	*
Lisa Mokarzel	2/14	*		Joseph Calvo	2/27	*
Albert Carrion, Jr.	2/15	*		Kimberly Schaare	2/27	*
Joyce Veloz	2/15	*		James Werchan	2/27	*
Matthew Ristow	2/16	*		Sarah Zieschang	2/29	*
Gabriella Sisbarro	2/16	*				

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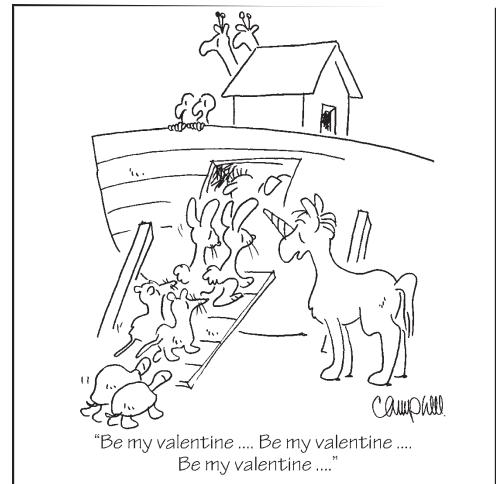
up supplemental needs of people for whom the Travis County Health and Human Services Department has extended the maximum of their aid to those people. Over a hundred people have felt the arms of Christ surround them when the help they sought from the county was not enough to meet their needs. Many donations of clothing were also made available to the clothes closet maintained in the county office. We are privileged to represent our Lord in these extensions of his arms. For more information, speak with Richard Ziehr. .

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General

Contact Jordan with questions. Visit the Kingdom Quest/Youth Bible Study and Community Connections (Service Events & Missions) bulletin boards for more specifics about those ministries.

EUNICE GUILD



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FORGIVENESS Game

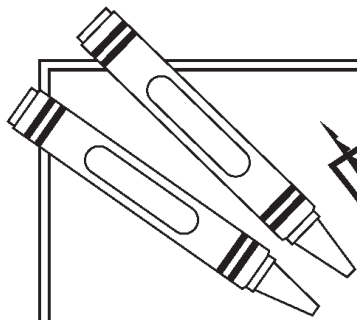
Try this twist on musical chairs.

What you need:

- 28 large index cards
- Black marker
- Two teams of people
- Radio or CD player

What you do:

1. On index cards, write out *forgiveness*, one letter per card. Make two sets (two F's, two O's, etc.).
2. Mix up the cards and form them face up in a circle on the floor. (You'll have six blanks mixed in.)
3. Have teams mix themselves up and stand in a circle around the cards. Ask an extra person to turn the music on and off.
4. As the music plays, teams walk around the circle. When the music stops, players each pick up the card nearest them.
5. Team members take their cards to a designated area and try to spell forgiveness. Any double letters or blanks go back to the "music person," who reorganizes remaining cards, spacing them evenly into a fresh circle.
6. Play continues until one team spells *forgiveness*.



PUZZLE

FOLLOW GOD'S EXAMPLE

In a letter to the church in Colossae, the apostle Paul wrote about the importance of forgiveness.

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To complete Colossians 3:13 (NIV), use the smaller words to fill in the larger words.



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COLOSSIANS 3:13, NIV

Answers: "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13, NIV

Serving in February 2012

Elders
Usher Capt.

8:15
Sonny Mitchell
Freddie Richter

10:45
Jesse Bennight

February 5th

Flowers: Given by _____
Tellers: A. Werchan/P. Mitchell
Communion Guild: Roy C.
8:15 am **Acolyte:** Justin Torres
Lector: Mark Herber
10:45 am **Acolyte:** Micah Stennfeld
Lector: Sandra Sisbarro

February 26th

Flowers: Given by t_____

	Tellers: P. Bost/ P. Kaschube
	Communion Guild: P. Hamil & Liz C.
8:15 am	Acolyte:
	Lector: Clayton Pillack
10:45 am	Acolyte: Gabriella Sisbarro
	Lector: Rebecca Armas

February 12th

Flowers: Given by _____
Tellers: P. Hamil/J. Wiley
Communion Guild: Rash's
8:15 am **Acolyte:** Ben Schaare
Lector: Charles Kanetzky
10:45 am **Acolyte:** Ryan Rash
Lector: Emily Whitehurst

February 19th

Flowers: Given _____
Tellers: P. Hamil/J. Wiley
Communion Guild: Galbreath's
8:15 am **Acolyte:** Sarah Zieschang
Lector: Lucille Herrera
10:45 am **Acolyte:** Samantha Woolverton
Lector: Jane Carrion

If you cannot serve as scheduled, it is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement. If you know a schedule change before 9:00 am on Thursday of the week you're scheduled, please contact the church office (442-5844) to inform the secretary of the change for the Sunday bulletin. If a problem arises on Sunday morning, please call the office and leave a message.