



Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in Jesus' Name!

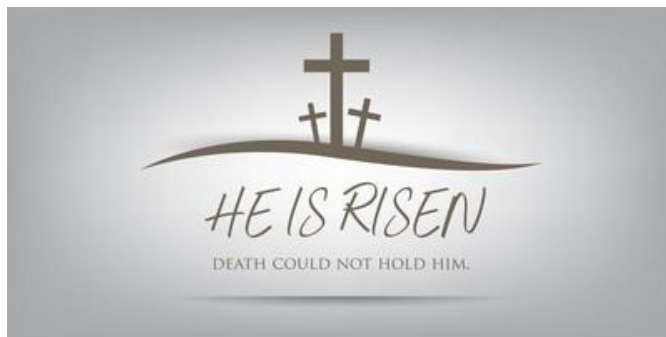
*"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."
(Luke 24:5 - 6)*

Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of our Lord, is on March 31 this year. Therefore, we have a "guest devotion-al" from the late C.S. Lewis, an atheist who became a Christian and defender of the Faith. On the question of who Jesus is, Lewis sums up as follows...

"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God.' That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be lunatic - on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg - or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a mad-man or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

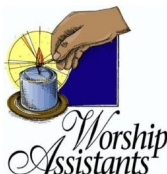
Pastor Russ



Please join us for potluck salad lunch after worship on Sunday March 3, 2024.



March 2024 led by Clint Nissen
Includes Arnold K., Candice V., Pennie W., Deb A., Juanita N.



April 2024 led by Sid Kuhn
Includes Antonia N., Kathy B., Les H., Mel K.

March Coffee Crew
Gerty Kure, Kristine & Joe Amundrud, Jean & Arnold Kaiser
Please refer to "Spare List" for extra help

April Coffee Crew
Kim & Jason Brown, Karen & Terry MacKenzie, Candice & Jared Vikse

March 2024 WORSHIP 10 AM

Sunday March 3
Potluck Salad lunch after worship

Palm Sunday
Sunday March 24 10AM Service

Holy Thursday
Thursday March 28 7:30 PM Service

Good Friday
Friday March 29 7:30 PM Service

Easter Sunday
Sunday March 31
7:30 AM Service
10 AM Service with Communion

Nicaragua 2024

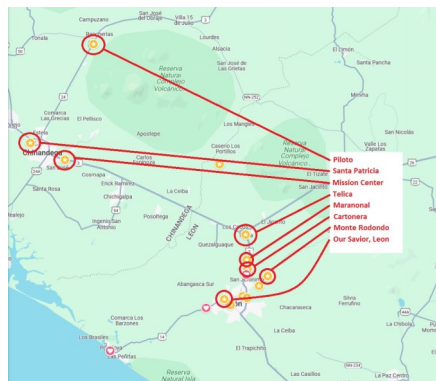
Team Zion 2024 consisted of 20 people from Lutheran Church Canada members from across Canada. This group's short-term mission trip to Nicaragua took place from January 11 to January 26, 2024. As team members, we each pay for our own flights, meals and accommodations. Of these participants, three were Pastors, one Concordia Parish Services student and 16 were members of seven congregations within Lutheran Church Canada. As Team Zion, our focus is supporting congregations of The Lutheran Church in Nicaragua. We are passionate about developing and continuing long-term relationships with our Nicaraguan brothers and sisters...Pastors and members alike. Our Canadian Pastors serve as mentors and encouragers to their Nicaraguan counterparts. This relationship is strengthened each year we travel to Nicaragua to assist with Vacation Bible School, Adult Bible Study, distributing food hampers and funding worthwhile building projects. In 2024 we expanded to location number eight!!

For five mornings, four Nicaraguan pastors, our three pastors and Concordia student Samantha led adult bible study. Four of our team; Ray, Steve, Norm & Fred assisted in building a bathroom facility at Saint Paul (San Pablo) Lutheran Church, Cartonera. The remaining 12 team members divided to help with Vacation Bible School at the eight locations.

Through fundraising and donations Team Zion gathered sufficient funding to cover program costs, some of which included; cost of translators, drivers and ground transportation, travel stipends to Nicaraguan Pastors and Deaconesses. Funds raised and/or donated also paid for craft supplies and snacks for five days for 1200 children and adults, construction cost of a church bathroom and also, thanks be to God, food hampers for 800 families!

Team Zion is thankful for the financial support received from King of Kings Great Commission Fund. Thank you to those that supported this mission by purchasing apple pies and contributing funds used to purchase food hampers. It was a privilege to be part of Team Zion and we thank all of you for praying for us personally and for our team. Looking forward, we would encourage Lutheran Church Canada Pastors and our fellow King of Kings members to join us and experience this short term mission in Nicaragua!

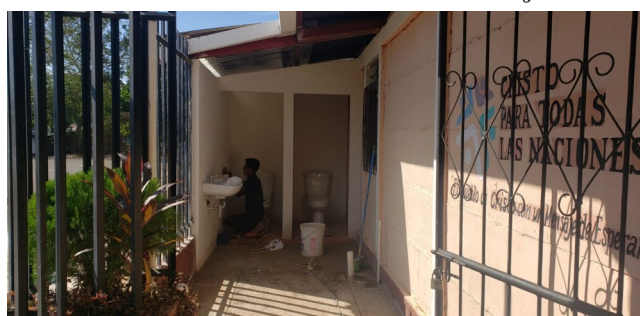
Norm & Deb Allen and Fred Pedersen



100 Food Hampers

MISSIONARY

Someone who leaves their *Family* for a short time so that others may be with their families for *Eternity*



Cherish What God Has Given

In the Small Catechism, Luther follows a pattern when explaining the Ten Commandments. With each commandment, there is something prohibited, and something commanded.

There is something wrong which must be avoided, and there is something right which must be done.

The one time this pattern is not followed is with the Sixth Commandment.

“You shall not commit adultery. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other” (SC 1).

Here, the catechism focuses solely on the positive: we should live in a chaste and decent manner in both word and deed, and husbands and wives should cherish and honor one another.

Keeping this commandment, and all of the commandments, is a lot easier if you see your chastity and your spouse as a gift from God that is to be protected and cherished. In the same way, you will find keeping the Fourth Commandment easier if you see your parents and other authorities as a gift from God, given to you for your blessing.

This is the key stewardship insight that runs through all of the Christian life: Everything that we have has been given to us by God. We deserve none of it. All of it comes to us by God's fatherly kindness and open-handed generosity. If I know that everything I have — every possession, every relationship, every ability — is a gift from God, then my perspective changes. All of these things are both gifts to be cherished, and things that I should direct towards God's purposes. My possessions should be shared generously according to how God has called me in my family, church and community. My spouse should be cherished, loved and encouraged in faith. My children are on loan from my own Heavenly Father, and I have but a brief time to show them the path of righteousness. My neighbor is a gift from God so that I can imitate His kindness toward me.

No matter the gift, everything has been given to me by God so that I may participate in His own goodness and open-handed generosity.



STEPHEN MINISTER RESOURCE

Humor about Feelings



The “Humor about Feelings” Poem from Stephen Ministries makes one think about the Parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37.

Your Stephen Ministry Team is ready to be your Good Samaritan as an extension of Christ Jesus. We are eager with servant hearts and hands to give you what you need, when you need it, and for as long as it takes with the help of our Lord who is walking the walk with us every step of the way.

Contact Linda Herron or Pastor Russ if you or someone you know could use a Good Samaritan.

New Grief Share Sessions are coming in March:

Tuesday Evenings with Linda
March 5-May 28 7 - 9 PM
Thursday Afternoons with d’Arcy
March 7 - May 30 1 - 3PM

Contact d’Arcy or Linda for further information
or register@www.griefshare.org

A person fell into a pit and couldn't get himself out.

A subjective person came along and said,
“I feel for you down there.”

An objective person walked by and said, “It's
logical that someone would fall down there.”

A Pharisee said, “Only bad people fall into pits.”

A mathematician calculated how deep the pit was.

A news reporter wanted the exclusive story on the pit.

A self-pitying person said, “You haven't seen
anything until you've seen my pit.”

A New Age philosopher observed,
“The pit is just in your mind.”

A psychologist noted, “Your parents are to
blame for your being in that pit.”

An optimist said, “Things could be worse.”

A pessimist claimed, “Things will get worse.”

Jesus, seeing the person, took them by the hand
and lifted them out of the pit.



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**Bible Readings for the Week of February 26-
March 2**

Monday: 1 Chronicles 1-2
Tuesday: 1 Chronicles 3-4
Wednesday: Exodus 20:1-17
Thursday: Psalm 19
Friday: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Saturday: John 2:13-25

Bible Readings for the Week of March 4-9

Monday: 1 Chronicles 5-6
Tuesday: 1 Chronicles 7-8
Wednesday: Numbers 21:4-9
Thursday: Psalm 107:1-9
Friday: Ephesians 2:1-10
Saturday: John 3:14-21

Bible Readings for the Week of March 11-16

Monday: 1 Chronicles 9-10
Tuesday: 1 Chronicles 11-12
Wednesday: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Thursday: Psalm 119:9-16
Friday: Hebrews 5:1-10
Saturday: Mark 10:32-35

Bible Readings for the Week of March 18-23

Monday: 1 Chronicles 13-14
Tuesday: 1 Chronicles 15-16
Wednesday: Zechariah 9:9-12
Thursday: Psalm 118:19-29
Friday: Philippians 2:5-11
Saturday: John 12:20-43

Bible Readings for the Week of March 25-30

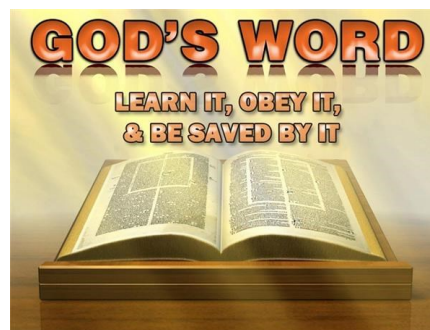
Monday: 1 Chronicles 17-18
Tuesday: 1 Chronicles 19-20
Wednesday: Isaiah 25:6-9
Thursday: Psalm 16
Friday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11



Alex and Stephanie Johnson as they welcome Hailey Faith to their family.

Born February 6, 2024.

Big brother Jacob and big sisters Allaynah and Madeline are very excited.



April 18, 2024
September 19, 2024
November 21, 2024

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