



# The Informer

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## From Pastor's Pen:

### What's the Word?

I was eating lunch and watching a guy on TV talk to a Tennessee legislator about a bill he was proposing. He wants to make it legal for people in his state to kill other people. We have a word for that, don't we? What's the word for people who haven't done anything worthy of death or even broken any laws, but you kill that person. He kept talking about euthanasia. Is that the word?

The word "euthanasia" comes – like a lot of our words – from two Greek words which mean "good" and "death." Words have a way of taking on lives of their own over time, and that word has become a word used to describe anything but a "good death." The verbal form of the word is "to euthanize," and it means you want to take the life of a person who would not otherwise die.

Of course, we all die, which is an argument people use who want to hasten a human death. She was going to die anyway, they say, and we're just speeding it up a bit. You could say the same thing about me or about any of us. You are going to die anyway; we just want to...and that's one of many slippery slopes that come with a society deciding that it's okay to actively kill people.

The man who was talking to the law-maker who wants to make it legal to kill other humans pointed out that slippery slope, and cited several examples of – first you kill the elderly who are close to death, and he cited cases where drug addicts, mentally ill people, and teens who were having a bad day being allowed to just end it, and if they need a little help from the doctors, then so be it.

He also talked about several cases close to him, including his grandmother, who were in great pain and suffering, another slippery slope, or maybe it's the same slope, different day. I think he's a realtor, and I think he's seen a lot of suffering dying people for a realtor. As for me, I saw a lot of death in my 39 years of being a pastor, and I've been with many people when they have died.

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## Pastor's Pen Continued

The only dying person I ever knew who had pain and suffering was the middle-aged man who was dying of cancer, but it was not the cancer that was causing his suffering. He had long ago forsaken the Faith, and his parents asked me to go and see him. He was suffering because he knew that he was going to go to hell when he died, and it caused me great pain to see him suffering like that.

Are there times when people suffer pain at the end of life? I have seen a lot of death, and I have not seen it myself. I sometimes wonder why people make it seem like it's a common thing, even the norm, for people to suffer "excruciating" pain when dying. Maybe he just said what he said so the law he wants to get passed will get passed. The law to make it legal to...what's the word?

In Christian Service,  
Pastor Anderson

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## Announcements

All Boards meet on  
Thursday, March 5th at 6:30pm.  
Parish Planning meets on Thursday, March 12th at 6:30pm.  
There is a Voter's meeting on Sunday, March 15th after worship service

## POBLO

On March 7th and 8th, POBLO advocate Tim Bickle will be visiting us. He will be our guest preacher on Saturday evening, and on Sunday he will be giving a presentation about the work he does with POBLO. What is POBLO, you ask? It stands for People of the Book Lutheran Outreach, and they share the Word of God around the world through mission work. His presentation will specifically discuss efforts to help Muslims who wish to convert to Christianity and the dangerous challenges these individuals face.

## Easter Lilies

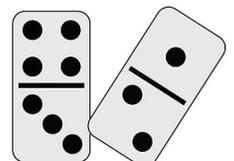
We are once again purchasing lilies to adorn the altar at Easter. The cost is \$12 per plant. Please place checks (made out to Altar Guild) or cash in an envelope and place in the box that is located at the Sign-Up Station.

We need a total of 30 plants to fill our cross.

Thank you!!

## Activities Room

During Lent, the dominoes group will not be meeting on Wednesdays. They will resume after Easter. They are still going strong on Mondays; anyone is welcome to join the fun!



## Serving the Lord This Month:

### Ushers

- Feb. 28:** Greg Burke, Bill Johnson, Todd Miller, & Larry Ripka
- Mar 1:** Esther Cashion, Jeff Belan, Mark Grotelueschen, Brian Nielsen, and Tim Stone
- Mar 7:** Greg Burke, Bill Johnson, Todd Miller, & Larry Ripka
- Mar 8:** Glen McMillin
- Mar 14:** Greg Burke, Bill Johnson, Todd Miller, & Larry Ripka
- Mar 15:** Dave & Esther Cashion, Brian Nielsen, and Tim Stone
- Mar 21:** Greg Burke, Bill Johnson, Todd Miller, & Larry Ripka
- Mar 22:** Rod Hopkins
- Mar 28:** Greg Burke, Bill Johnson, Todd Miller, & Larry Ripka
- Mar 29:** Dave & Esther Cashion, Mark Grotelueschen, Brian Nielsen, and Tim Stone

### Greeters

- Feb 28:** Chuck Brokaw
- Mar 1:**
- Mar 7:** Chuck Brokaw
- Mar 8:**
- Mar 14:** Chuck Brokaw
- Mar 15:**
- Mar 21:** Chuck Brokaw
- Mar 22:**
- Mar 28:** Chuck Brokaw
- Mar 29:**

### Acolytes

- Mar 1:** Briella Churchill
- Mar 7:** Nathan Duffy
- Mar 15:** Nolan Johnson
- Mar 22:** Henry Schmidt
- Mar 29:** Briella Churchill



### Communion Assistants

- Mar 1:** Brian Kern & Glen McMillin
- Mar 15:** Kevin McAnally & Jim Homann
- Mar 29:**

### Altar Guild

Kathy Ahrens &  
Rebecca Hinman



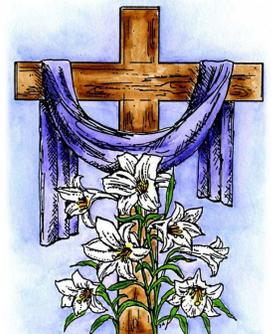
### Eternal Candle

- Mar 1:**
- Mar 8:**
- Mar 15:** In honor of Alyssa McAnally's 12th baptismal birthday
- Mar 22:** OPEN
- Mar 29:** In honor of Elizabeth Antolik's baptismal birthday



### Flower Chart

Since Ash Wednesday until Easter is a solemn time of contemplation and not a time of celebration, we will refrain from decorating the Chancel until Easter, at which time it will be decorated with Easter lilies.



## Church News

### Birthdays this Month:

<u>2nd</u> Gabrielle May	<u>17th</u> Brian Kelly	<u>29th</u> Mary Ann Eckert, Russell Kosche, & Megan Weathers
<u>3rd</u> Ruth Poole-Mayerhofer & Earl Schaefer	<u>19th</u> Stacey Roman	<u>30th</u> George Fellows, Cassie Johnson, & Ruby Pancrazio
<u>4th</u> Torin Fauser	<u>21st</u> Carmae Kern	
<u>6th</u> Colin Scheer	<u>22nd</u> Chris Caldwell & Savanna Kern	
<u>7th</u> Elizabeth Antolik, Diana Johnson & David Pratt	<u>23rd</u> Susan Bowman & Janet Wachs	
<u>9th</u> Robert Coon & Chris Higgins	<u>25th</u> Hallie & Zoe Flaugh, Jackson Merritt,	
<u>10th</u> Nikki Chellew	<u>26th</u> Jeff Belan & Jacob Ryan	
<u>12th</u> Steve Sullivan	<u>28th</u> Ronda Little & Nancy Williams	
<u>15th</u> Keri Pena		
<u>16th</u> Kevin Rossmiller		



### Weekly Attendance

<u>Date:</u>	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
1/25	89	119
2/1	135	139
2/8	115	131
2/15	133	112
2/22	97	128

Average monthly attendance: 24%

### Membership Report

#### Deaths

Jean Morrival (02/06/26)

## Church News

### LWML - Lutheran Women's Missionary League

is an auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri-Synod.  
All ladies are welcome!

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 19th at 1:00 pm  
in the Janssen rooms. We will be filling Easter baskets for the children!

LWML Central Illinois District Convention will be held in Decatur Illinois on April 25 with servant projects and other activities on April 24. Voting will take place for new mission grants.

This month we are focusing on the last two CID mission grants for 2025-2026.

#### LWML CID Mission Grant - #5 - Just for Moms - \$3,544

Almost 4 out of 10 women who receive services from Pregnancy Resources in Moline, IL have no faith background or are of non-Christian faith. Along with this, those professing Christian clients, 48 are at risk for abortion. Pregnancy Resources "Just for Moms" bags help provide a new mom with a holistic wellness approach that considers a person's physical, mental, emotional, social, and spiritual aspects. Each bag offers a Lutherans for Life devotional for mothers, a journal to track emotional needs, post-natal vitamins, and more help to prepare her for the birth and delivery of her baby.

#### LWML CID Mission Grant - #6 - Our Savior Lutheran School in Uganda - \$3,956

The Lutheran Church of Uganda is building Our Savior Lutheran School next to the Lutheran seminary in Magamaga so local children can attend a school not operated by Muslims. Three classrooms have been built so far. These funds would give support for student tuition, room, board, and building costs.

#### **How can I help?**

**Pray** that God uses the materials distributed by Pregnancy Resource to bring lost souls to Christ.

**Pray** that God provides the opportunity for the children in Uganda to learn about God and His love for them.

**Support** these grants by donating to St. John's LWML. Mite boxes are available on the sign-up table.

When filled you can turn into the office or give to one of the LWML officers; who are: Diana Lackey, President; Judy Dugan, Secretary and Margie Schaefer, Treasurer.



## Notes from the Balcony

### And When They Had Sung a Hymn

Has music ever been helpful to you in distressing situations? I can quickly answer that question in the affirmative. For stress comfort, the hymns we recorded for church services during COVID times are my go-to. While studying Matthew with St. John's Bible Bowl team, I paused at Matthew 26:30, where Jesus and his disciples took time to sing a hymn between the Last Supper and the walk to the Mount of Olives. There He would wrestle in prayer and face betrayal and arrest. It was traditional to sing the Hallel (Praise) Psalms (probably 115-118) after the Passover supper. What follows are some words David Guzik wrote in his Bible commentary about Matthew 26:30:

#### "4. (30) And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

a. **When they had sung a hymn:** We don't often think of Jesus singing, but He did. He lifted His voice in adoration and worship to God the Father. We can endlessly wonder what His voice sounded like, but we know for certain that He sang with more than His voice, and He lifted His whole heart up in praise. This reminds us that *God wants to be praised with singing...*

ii. It is remarkable that Jesus could sing on this night before His crucifixion. Could we sing in such circumstances? Jesus can truly be our worship leader. We should sing to God our Father – *just as Jesus did – because this is something that pleases Him; and when we love someone, we want to do the things that please them. It really doesn't matter if it does or doesn't please us...*

b. **Sung a hymn:** It is wonderful that Jesus sang, but *what did He sing?* A Passover meal always ended with singing three Psalms known as the Hallel, [Psalms 116-118](#). Think of how the words of these Psalms would have ministered to Jesus as He sang them on the night before His crucifixion:

• *The pains of death surrounded me, and the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me; I found trouble and sorrow. Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I implore You, deliver my soul!"* ([Psalm 116:3-4](#))

• *For You have delivered my soul from death, My eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.* ([Psalm 116:8-9](#))

*Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.* ([Psalm 116:15](#))

• *Praise the Lord, all nations!*

*Extol him, all peoples!*

<sup>2</sup> *For great is his steadfast love toward us,*

*and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.*

*Praise the Lord!* ([Psalm 117:1-2](#))

• *You pushed me violently, that I might fall, but the LORD helped me. The LORD is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation.* ([Psalm 118:13-14](#))

## Church News

· *I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. The LORD has chastened me severely, but He has not given me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, and I will praise the LORD. (Psalm 118:17-19)*

(<https://enduringword.com/bible-commentary/matthew-26/>)

May God bless your Lenten season, “addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,” Ephesians 5:19-20.

Serving our Lord,

Christine Engebrecht

## Lenten and Holy Week Schedule

### “The Great Exchange”

A Lenten supper will be served at 5:30pm

### Mid-week Services of Word and Prayer:

Feb. 25th @ 6:30 pm - “Our Burden for His Sustaining Power”	led by Pastor Astrowski
Mar. 4th @ 6:30 pm - “Our Weaknesses for His Strength”	led by Pastor Eddy
Mar. 11th @ 6:30 pm - “Our Dust for His Righteousness”	led by Pastor Wright
Mar. 18th @ 6:30 pm - “Our Mockery for His Majesty”	led by Pastor Sommerer
Mar. 25th @ 6:30 pm - “Our Shame for His Honor”	led by Pastor Hagen

### Holy Week:

Apr. 2nd @ 6:30pm– Maundy Thursday  
 Apr. 3rd @ 6:30pm– Good Friday  
 Apr. 4th @ 6:30pm– Easter Vigil  
 Apr. 5th @ 6:00am– Easter Sunrise  
 Easter Breakfast served by our youth @ 7:00am  
 Apr. 5th @ 9:00am– Easter Festival



## From the CID

### LCMS Foundation

"I took my car to one place for an oil change, another for the brakes, and still another for a tune up. Yet my car just doesn't seem to be running right, and no one is offering to step in to help me." That same scenario might be true about your Christian estate plan. You might be tempted to focus on one thing at a time, a will here, an insurance policy there, a conversation with the financial planner periodically and then the annual tax preparation. But do we think about how all those things are linked together? We need to, in order to have a comprehensive plan. In a busy world, focused on quick productivity, we often miss the opportunity to weave the conversations of all our advisors together. In addition, inviting your pastor into these conversations, and your family, can bring a fullness otherwise missed. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help facilitate conversations in your circle of important people. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or [scott.radden@lfnd.org](mailto:scott.radden@lfnd.org).

### LCMS Family Ministry

Visit [lcms.org/family](https://lcms.org/family) to find free family devotional and prayer resources to help make devotions and prayer a family habit. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Many Christians give something up during Lent as a reminder that Jesus gave up everything when He came down to earth to die and rise for us. Lent is a time where we remember our sin, repent and focus on Christ's suffering for us. In this time of reflection and repentance, instead of (or in addition to) giving something up, it can also be helpful to add something into our lives. These verses from 1 Thessalonians tell us to "pray without ceasing" and to "give thanks in all circumstances." One habit that could be helpful to focus on is prayer. As a family, you can start developing this habit by finding times to pray together such as before meals, before bed or whenever works best in your family's routine.

### March for Life

#### Thursday, March 19, 2026- Matins at Trinity Lutheran Church

On March 19, 2026, concerned citizens from all over Illinois will gather in Springfield for the annual Illinois Pro-Life March. Trinity Lutheran Church (220 S. 2nd Street), across the street from the State Capitol, will again conduct a Matins service on the day of the March at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be available between Matins and the Rally/March at the State House Inn (one block north of the State Capitol). A donation will be collected to help cover the cost of the lunch.

The Rally will be held at the Lincoln statue in front of the State Capitol at 1:00 p.m. The March begins following the Rally, at 2:00 p.m., from the Lincoln statue heading north on 2nd Street. Attendees are encouraged to consider going to lobby their state legislator and senator following the March. Worshipers may park in the State House Inn's west parking lot at the corner of Adams and 1st Streets, across 1st Street from the hotel building.



## From the CID

### LCMS Stewardship

As a kid, I remember my Grandma and Grandpa Diepholz' home with extraordinary joy. Family fun. Great food. A legacy of faith. One of my lasting memories of that house was the table that sat between their twin beds. It contained a lamp, a Bible, a catechism and a hymnal. These were well-worn, as Grandpa read to Grandma every night before they went to sleep! What a treasure these tools of faith are! Let us spend some time this month in the hymnal to help us better understand our life as Christian stewards! To do this, we will use LSB 785 "We Praise You, O God."

We Praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; In grateful devotion our tributes we bring.  
We lay it before You, and kneel and adore You; We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

Stewardship is an act of worship. It flows from the grace and mercy we have received in Jesus! Faithful stewardship can never start with us. Our sinful nature will make us and our desires the center of our worship. Our tributes, our giving and our serving only flow from how the Lord Jesus has given of Himself for our sake! When we have this in clear view, our knees bow and our praises flow freely! All this flows from the Name that has been placed on us in Holy Baptism!

We worship You, God of our Fathers, we bless You; Through trial and tempest our guide You have been. When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us, And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

Our stewardship that flows from what God has done for us in Jesus Christ is rooted in history. Passed from one generation to the next, stewards of the Gospel connect God's provision in the past to His continued care in the present.

So often, the struggles we face are self-inflicted. While there are indeed perils that can shake us from outside of ourselves, we are more likely enduring the suffering that comes because of our own choices that are outside the Word and will of God! But even in these situations, the Lord who loves us will never forsake us. When we become selfish, self-serving and self-destructive, the Lord NEVER abandons! The Lord helps us to overcome the struggles in faith and win the victory the steward rejoices in!

With voices united our praises we offer And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise. With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us. To You, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

Stewardship is more than just an individual thing. There is a corporate nature to our steward life. We see this in the Divine Service. There, stewards of all ages, all economic strata and all languages are joined in the singular task of praise. This stewardship of praise flows from the altar to us, out into the world and then back to the altar! God's strong arm leads us in this stewardship 24/7. This makes stewardship, in all times and places, a matter of worship. We praise our Redeemer who has entrusted us with this great stewardship of the Gospel which forgives our sins, grants us new life and salvation. And this treasure we freely share for God's glory and the benefit of our neighbor!

## From the CID

### CAMP CILCA LOWDOWN

#### WOMENS RETREAT: PEW SISTERS

March 6-7

Guest Speaker: Mrs. Katie Schuermann

Calling all ladies! Our retreat theme is Pew Sisters: gather and celebrate our true sisterhood—our pew sisterhood! Two choices for our retreat... You can join us overnight for \$100 and stay in the Christian Growth Center. What to stay at home, but still want to come to the conference? There is a commuter option for \$75. Registration is open: <https://www.cilca.org/womens-retreat.html>

#### SPRING WORK DAY & PANCAKE DINNER: March 14

Help get the campground ready for spring and summer fun! 8am-11am. Free pancakes for all from 11am until 1pm!

#### SUMMER CAMP 2026 REGISTRATION OPEN

Register before April 1, 2026 and save with the Early Bird Discount! Space is limited. Register today to save your spot!

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### 2026 Youth Bible Bowl

#### Circuit Bowl:

**Date:** Sunday, March 15th, 2:00pm

**Location:** St. Matthew in Milan

#### District Bowl:

**Date:** Sunday, March 22, 2026

**Location:** Camp CILCA

**Topic:** "The Gospel According to St. Matthew"

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### Pray For Our Central Illinois District Missions, supported by your church's Mission

**Dollars to the District.** Please remember in your prayers Pastor Pablo Dominguez and Cristo Rey (Christ the King) Lutheran Church in East Moline, where the ministry is conducted almost entirely in Spanish, as well as St. John's Lutheran Church in Beardstown, where Pastor Dominguez travels twice a month to preach and teach in Spanish.

### Dollars for Mission Online

Our first project for 2026 is support for *Hispanic Ministry in Beardstown, IL*. \$1800 will be collected to support travel costs for Rev. Pablo Dominguez. Reminder that online one-time and recurring donations can now be made at

<https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/LCMSCentralllinoisDistrict/D4M>

or by using the QR code.



# Central Illinois District

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## Notice and Explanation of District Leadership Changes

### Elected at Convention

District President: Rev. Michael Mohr  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Rev. Michael Burdick  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Rev. Mark Eddy

### As of February 17, 2026

District President: Rev. Mark Eddy  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Rev. Jason Braaten  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Rev. Karl Eckhoff

At the 61<sup>st</sup> Regular Convention of the Central Illinois District of The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod held July 13-15, 2025, the above were elected to serve three-year terms in their respective offices by the district voting delegates. Seven months later, the leadership of the district has changed significantly, and this change requires an explanation to our pastors, church workers, and congregations.

On Wednesday January 28, 2026, District President Mohr was arrested on criminal charges by federal law enforcement. Prior to being held in custody, Mohr was given the opportunity to speak with First Vice-President Burdick and in keeping with district governance temporarily transferred the duties of district president. On Monday morning when the first special session of the Board of Directors met, Rev. Burdick notified the Board that in light of the anticipated duration and demands of the office, he asked to resign from the position of First Vice-President. This resignation removed him from the Board of Directors and elevated Second Vice- President Eddy to First Vice-President and in turn, Acting District President.

With Rev. Burdick vacating his position, the Central IL District Bylaws (2.15(b)) state, “A vacancy in the First Vice-Presidency shall be filled by advancing the Second Vice-President. A vacancy in the Second Vice-Presidency shall then be filled by the President from the reserve list of nominations, that is from the nominees left after the previous election, according to the number of votes received...” Rev. Burdick represented the Eastern Region, so the second-place nominee at the convention for the Eastern Region was Rev. Jason Braaten of Immanuel – Tuscola. He was then appointed as Vice-President for that region by the Acting District President.

When Mohr resigned from his position and as a member of the LCMS roster, Acting District President Eddy succeeded Mohr as District President and vacated the office of First Vice-President. This resulted in Rev. Braaten serving as First Vice-President and a second appointment according to Bylaw 2.15(b) (cited above) of the third-place nominee for the Western Region, Rev. Karl Eckhoff of Christ - Peoria. This final succession and appointment were ratified by the Board of Directors on February 17, 2026, at a second special session of the Board.

While this situation required careful interpretation of our governing documents, the Board acted in accordance with district bylaws, in consultation with Synod and legal counsel. We thank all who have reached out to offer support and wisdom as well as to all who have granted patience as the Board worked through these processes. We remain committed to serving Christ and His Church faithfully in this district, and it is by grace alone that we serve our people and the congregations of the Central Illinois District.

In Christ,  
Rev. Mark Eddy  
District President  
LCMS Central Illinois District

## From the CID

### For the Children

As we contemplate Life Ministry here in central Illinois, it can be hard to pinpoint just where to focus limited resources. The devil is fiercely attacking humankind in so many various ways today! This onslaught of evil can overwhelm us Christians, causing us to become disheartened in a seemingly hopeless situation. Yet there is good news! We need to remind ourselves, and each other, that our heavenly Father is none other than almighty God! Our Lord Jesus Christ has always been and forever will be victorious. The Holy Spirit has been given to us to sustain and guide us, even unto the end of the age. It is a foregone conclusion that the devil cannot prevail. We can, therefore, engage in this spiritual battle with confidence and conviction. Which particular battle do we choose, then? Satan has drawn so many lines of warfare! It seems to me that the primary battleground is forming around our children. It is obvious that the devil hates them. They are the most vulnerable. Their trusting hearts leave them particularly susceptible to the attacks of the evil one. The devil tempts and misleads in many ways. But here are three strategies he seems to be highlighting these days, to destroy the souls of our children.

One is abortion. The devil is a murderer, and here he is most efficient and deadly. Since abortion was initially legalized nationwide in 1973 by the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision, there have been over 63 million "pregnancy terminations" in America. Sixty-three million children have gone missing! Even though this court decision has been overturned, our state and federal governments continue to do everything in their power to promote and expand what they call "women's health care" that leads to death for the littlest children of these women. Christians understand that this evil can only be overcome by the power of God. We absolutely must seek His help and mercy through prayer. See "A Prayer for Wednesday's Child" on this Life page.

Another satanic attack on children takes the form of gender confusion. The devil is a liar and the father of lies. In gender confusion, children are told they may have been born "in the wrong bodies." The claim is that "trans, non-binary, or queer" lifestyles are normal. Parents are told that this is just part of educating students about gender diversity and inclusion. Children are then provided with life-altering hormonal treatments or medical surgery for sexual transformation, sometimes without parental consent. Satan uses these lies to destroy the 2 bodies of our children and to harm their souls. The young need to hear the truth that the Lord made them male or female in accordance with His good ways and purposes and that our sexuality is a beautiful gift from God.

Finally, the devil attacks our children by "sexualizing" them. He exposes them to perverted sexual influences to corrupt and ultimately destroy them. He uses drugs to break down resistance and pornography to normalize deviant sexual behavior. Both of these are intensely addictive and create powerful bonds to sin. Today little children are exposed to "groomers" and pedophiles through not only "Drag Queen Story Hour" but also sexual propaganda in children's books. Compounding the numbers are tens of thousands of children entering our country unaccompanied across its southern border. They are seeking a better life and future, but many find instead the dark world of human trafficking and sex slavery. (See the film *The Sound of Freedom*.)

God loves children. He sent His Son to die for them, and for all. He even assigns angels for their care and protection. The Bible indicates that those who harm them will be severely judged. In the meantime, we must remain vigilant in prayer for them and unwavering in our declaration of God's truth.

by Mr. David Ward, CID Life Coordinator

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>9am - Worship w/</p> <p>10:15am - Bible Study /</p> <p>10:30am - Confirmation</p>	<p>1:30pm - Activities Room</p> <p>6pm - Cherub Chimers</p> <p>6:30pm - Heavenly</p>	<p>10am - Food Pantry</p> <p>6:30pm - Guitar Jam</p>	<p>10am - Women's Bible</p> <p>5:30pm - Lent Supper</p> <p>6:30pm - Lent Worship</p>	<p>All Boards Meet in Prep</p> <p>6:30pm - Board Meetings</p>		<p>8am - Men's Bible study</p> <p>9:30am - Choir rehearsal</p> <p>1pm - LWMML Zone</p> <p>5pm - Worship</p> <p>6pm - POBLO Introduction</p>
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## Walking in the



## Light of Christ!

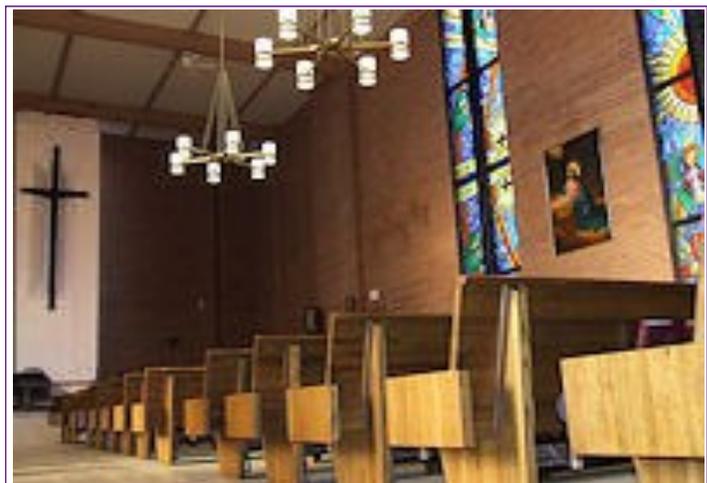


## Office Hours

Mon-Wed 8:30am-2:00pm

Thursday 8:30am- noon

*Inside our Sanctuary:*



## Worship Times

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am

Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15am

Lenten Midweek Worship-

Supper Wednesdays at 5:30pm

Service follows at 6:30pm