

# Friends in Christ News

Friends in Christ Lutheran Church – 1338 Clay Street – Morris, IL 60450

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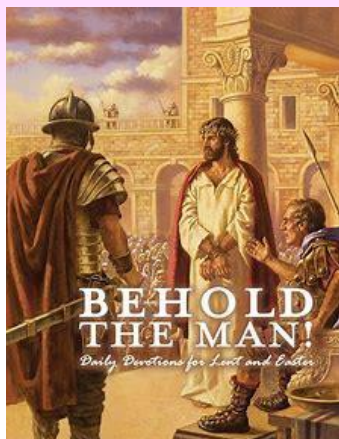
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## Come Worship with us!

Saturday Evenings ...	5:30 p.m.
Sunday Mornings ...	8:15 a.m.
...	10:45 a.m.
Sunday School	
& Adult Bible Study ...	9:30 a.m.
(Tuesday Bible Study ...	9:00 a.m.)

## “Behold the Man!”



This is the title of our Lenten Series this year.

It comes from the words of Pilate, after he had had Jesus scourged and brought Him back out with the purple robe and the crown of thorns (John 19:5). Pilate said to the crowd, “*Behold the Man.*”

“*Behold the man.*” But what is a man? A man is the sum total of everything he is, all that is in him, every hope and fear, every ability and weakness; together with everything he has done.

A man is tested by the hardships of life; and often distracted by the fortunate happenstances of

our lives. Everything comes together to be what we are and much of it is on display before the world. (A good detour at this point would be to read the poem “If” by Rudyard Kipling.)

We fall short. We fall short every day. And our failures are on display. The world sees them. Our enemies see them. And maybe even worse, those who love us and are closest to us see them. We may hide some of them, but one day we will stand before God (and on that day, by the way, also before the whole rest of the world) and Jesus says all that is hidden will be revealed. We will be seen and we will see ourselves. That is

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## Save the Date:

MAR 5:	Elder's Meeting	7:00 p.m.
MAR 6:	LWML	10:00 a.m.
	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>	7:00 p.m.
MAR 10:	<b>Daylight Savings Time begins</b>	<b>12:00 a.m.</b>
	Confirmation Class	12 (noon)
MAR 11:	Senior Service	1:00 p.m.
MAR 13:	<b>1st Wed. in Lent</b>	7:00 p.m.
MAR 17:	Youth Night	5:00 p.m.
MAR 20:	<b>2nd Wed. in Lent</b>	7:00 p.m.
MAR 24:	Confirmation Class	12 (noon)
MAR 27:	<b>3rd Wed. in Lent</b>	7:00 p.m.

## Looking Ahead...

April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>4th Wed. in Lent</b>	7:00 p.m.
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>5th Wed. in Lent</b>	7:00 p.m.
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>	7:00 p.m.
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Good Friday Service</b>	7:00 p.m.
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Easter Sunday Service</b>	(TBA)

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called Judgment Day. *Behold the man.*  
But there is good news.

***"Behold the Man."*** There is One who comes  
along to stand before the world. He is tested and tried, so that all that is in  
Him is revealed. He stands on display with His inner character:

Humility, Patience, Faith, Prayers, Sorrows, Anger even, and Joys.  
He stands on display before the world with all that He has done and with all  
that has been done to Him:

Having been Hungry, Exhausted, Serving, Persecuted, and then Arrested and Beaten.  
***Behold the Man.***

There is more. In that phrase, ***"Behold the Man!"*** there is an unexpected sweetness. He stands  
there before the world as one of us, who came to be one of us, so that He could bring us into what  
He had designed and planned for us to be.

This Lent we look closely at Jesus the Human Being, born to be our Brother, Savior, and Friend.  
And we see in Him what calls us to Him through the centuries, to find in Him the center of our life  
and the One who gives meaning to our existence and our soul.

Here is the schedule:

Midweek Services:

Wednesday 3/6 7:00 p.m.	.....	Behold the Man Humble
Wednesday 3/13 7:00 p.m.	.....	Behold the Man Exhausted
Wednesday 3/20 7:00 p.m.	.....	Behold the Man Cleansing the Temple
Wednesday 3/27 7:00 p.m.	.....	Behold the Man Washing Feet
Wednesday 4/3 7:00 p.m.	.....	Behold the Man Alone
Wednesday 4/10	.....	Behold the Man Beaten

Passion Week:

Thurs. 4/18 Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m.	Behold the Man Giving His Flesh & Blood
Fri. 4/19 Good Friday 7:00 p.m.	Behold the Man Bleeding, Behold the Man Dead
Sat. 4/20 Easter Vigil 7:00 p.m.	Behold the Man Preaching in Hell
Sun. 4/21 Easter 6:30 & 9:00 a.m.	Behold the Man Risen
Thurs. 5/30 7:00 p.m.	Behold the Man Ruling in Heaven
In November (Christ the King Sun,)	Behold the Man Returning

P.S. – There are devotion books that go along with this series.

Pastor Mark (1 Corinthians 2:2)





Our next meeting will be on  
**Wednesday - March 6<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 a.m.**  
**Servers: Lois Sampson & Connie Van Heiden**

Our meeting time in March will be devoted to working on preparations for the Spring Rally happening on May 4, 2019.



The FICLC LWML  
will be hosting the

**LWML ZONE 7  
SPRING RALLY**

**Saturday  
May 4, 2019**

Special Emphasis on  
Young Women in LWML

### \$5.00 Mite Challenge

Designated envelopes are on the  
bulletin table in our church's  
sanctuary or you can donate online.  
**THANK YOU!**

**LWML Grant # 19, Reconnect to the Body of Christ** Circuit 28 of the Texas District has come up with a plan to share the work of a trained church worker within the circuit and also train additional young adults to reach out to their neighbors and friends in Rio Grands, one of the poorest areas in the U.S. They will be working with congregations and community organizations to help and to share the love of Jesus through ESL classes, literacy classes and Bible Studies. These people are sharing the love of Jesus ... *we love because He first loved us* ... (1 John 4:19). For more information about this grant, go to [www.lwml.org/2017-2019-mission-grant-19](http://www.lwml.org/2017-2019-mission-grant-19)

**\$5.00 Membership**

## MITE CHALLENGE

**To Bring us to the Mission Goal!**

*One Body with Many Members*  
*For the body does not consist of one member but many.*  
*Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it*  
*(1 Corinthians 12: 14, 27).*



Your gift of \$5.00  
will help feed,  
clothe, and give  
spiritual support to  
those in need and  
hurting.

Donate online at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) or  
send to:

**LWML Office**  
 801 Seminary Place, Suite L010  
 St. Louis, MO 63105



**Lutheran  
Women  
in Mission**



## YOUTH HAPPENINGS:

### YOUTH NIGHT

Our next Youth Night will be on **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** at the church. We hope to see everyone there for a night of food, games and "hangin' out" with friends!

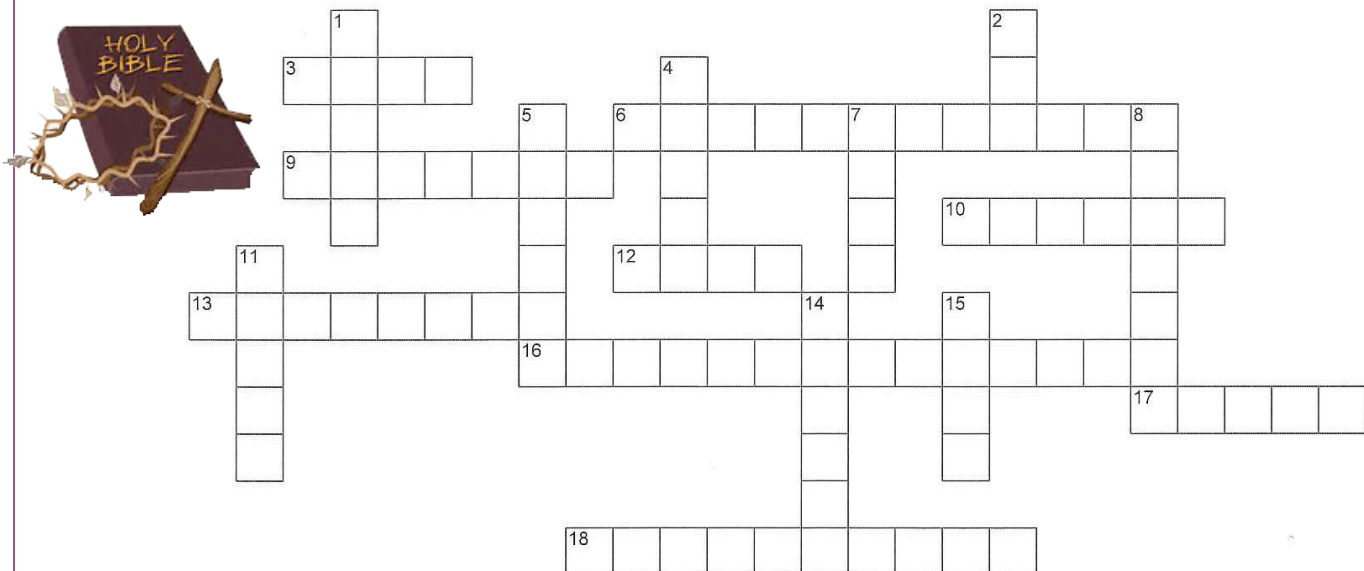
### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Don't forget you can "hang out" EVERY week with us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday School! See you then! Need a ride? Call the church office at 815/941-1255.



*Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers and example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.*

1 Timothy 4:12



#### ACROSS

3. Saul of Tarsus
6. The ten \_\_\_\_\_
9. The wisest king
10. He was thrown into the lions den
12. The Mother of Jesus
13. Mount where Jesus was crucified
16. King that dreamed of a big statue
17. Who defeated Goliath?
18. Lived 969 years

#### DOWN

1. Esau sold his birthright to
2. Name of the first woman
4. One of the four books of the Bible that begins with the letter "H"
5. River where Jesus was baptized
7. He built an ark
8. Occupation of Abel
11. It was swallowed by a big fish
14. Island where John was imprisoned
15. Third son of Adam and Eve

(Answers on page 5)

### Senior Service

Weather permitting, we will resume having Senior Services the second Monday of each month beginning on **MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019**

**1:00 p.m.**

Need a ride? Call the church office at (815) 941-1255

### Friendly Seniors

Friendly Seniors is set to resume in April! Stayed tuned in to our newsletter for upcoming places and times!



### March Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Laurie Applebee  
Greg Carlson  
4<sup>th</sup> Bonnie Rydell Nelson  
5<sup>th</sup> Alora Carlson  
8<sup>th</sup> Deb Carter  
9<sup>th</sup> Pat Schultz  
11<sup>th</sup> Greg Johnson  
12<sup>th</sup> Teddy Ruedin  
15<sup>th</sup> Susan Seidler  
Paula Willig  
16<sup>th</sup> Aaron Applebee  
19<sup>th</sup> Dick Enervold  
23<sup>rd</sup> Austin Applebee  
Georgette Walker  
30<sup>th</sup> Scott Halkyard  
Amanda Krugler

### March Anniversaries

2<sup>nd</sup> Gary and Terri Gillette 13 years  
Pat & Ann Oslakovich 23 years  
4<sup>th</sup> Bob and Alice Hunt 58 years

*So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

*1 Corinthians 13:13*

## Financial Report Friends in Christ Lutheran Church 2019



General Fund	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	\$ 10,883.11					\$ 10,883.11	\$ 13,655.00
Expenses	\$ 12,165.80					\$ 12,165.80	\$ 13,653.00
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (1,282.69)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,282.69)	\$ 2.00

#### *(Answers to Crossword Puzzle on page 4)*

*(ACROSS)* 3-Paul, 6-Commandments, 9-Solomon, 10-Daniel, 12-Mary, 13-Golgotha, 16--Nebuchadnezzar, 17-David, 18-Mathuselah


*(DOWN)* 1-Jacob, 2-Eve, 4-Hosea, 5-Jordan, 7-Noah, 8-Sheperd (Spelled wrong-but this is probably why the puzzle is free!) 11-Jonah, 14-Patmos, 15-Seth

# Prayer

## Calendar

# MARCH 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Lord, so many we know are hungry help us to give from our hearts to help those in need.</p>	<p>Lord, we thank You for the promise that You never leave or forsake us, and we rejoice in knowing You are with us through every storm.</p>	<p>Lord, may our prayers be a sweet sweet sound in Your ear and may we be ever thankful for Your answers, even when they are not what we expect- for we know Your plan is best.</p>			<p>Please pray daily for Pastor Willig, Deb Carter, Kris Farber and their families. Missionaries, Deaf Ministry, Iglesia San Pablo Church, Christians being persecuted. Our Church family.</p>	<p>Lord, we ask that You would help us to have a special walk with You, more faithfully, fruitfully, and passionately.</p>
<p>God, our hearts beat with joy at the sound of Your name, for You have claimed us as Your own. Thank You!</p>	<p>Thank You Father, that when life changes, Your love for us never does.</p>	<p>May we thank and praise You no matter the circumstances we may be in.</p>	<p>Lord, help us to be joyful in serving You. Thank You for equipping us.</p>	<p>Lord, so many need jobs. Please bless those in our congregation that are seeking employment to find the job You want them to have.</p>	<p>Father, as we enter into Your presence may we feel the peace that You give us as we praise Your name.</p>	<p>Help us to pray for those who we have the most trouble with.</p>
<p>Lord, may we never cease from praying to You even when things are going our way.</p>	<p>Lord, I thank You for this day, help me to make the most of this and every day that You have made.</p>	<p>Father, I pray that through Your grace I may follow Your Son's example and not judge and condemn anyone, but rather always comfort and love them.</p>	<p>God, bless me with Your wisdom so my earthly path will follow Your path.</p>	<p>Lord, help me to be fair, compassionate, and loving to others. Help me to be faithful in my obedience to You.</p>	<p>Lord, may our faith be always growing and our love ever expanding toward others as You have loved us.</p>	<p>Father, You give me all I need and yet I worry and wish for more. Help me to realize that my needs are met by Your love and grace.</p>
<p>God, I can do nothing without You. Strengthen me and help me. Uphold me with the right hand of Your righteousness.</p>	<p>Help us to think of You Lord as we walk through each day.</p>	<p>Thank You Lord for many blessings.</p>	<p>Lord, be with our family members that do not believe in You or are not worshipping You at this time. Bring them to know and worship You.</p>	<p>Lord, make us hungry to learn and study Your Word. Help us to put it into practice in our every day lives.</p>	<p>God, I pray that as I face the storms of life and cross the deserts of temptation and loneliness, that Your Spirit will guide, direct, and see me safely through.</p>	<p>Father, as long as I am here, as long as I have breath, help me to always praise and serve You.</p>
<p>We thank you Lord for the youth at our church. Help them to have a hunger for You and to share it with others. Bless them Lord.</p>					<p>Lord, create in our families a longing to follow You and to faithfully serve You. Mark 8:34-38</p>	<p>Lord, bless Deaf Ministry around the world. Start up new places that have deaf services with signing.</p>

# March 2019 – Friends in Christ Lutheran Church, Morris, Illinois

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>March Reminders:</b> Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday March 10. Set Clocks Forward 1 Hour. Lent Begins on March 6, Ash Wednesday						
<b>3 COMMUNION</b> Transfiguration Sunday 8:15 AM – Worship 9:30 AM – Bible Study & Sunday School 10:45 AM – Worship	4 9:00 AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Elders	5 9:00 AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Elders	<b>6 Ash Wednesday</b> 10:00 AM – Lutheran Women's Missionary League 7:00 <b>Worship</b> <b>With Communion</b>	7	8 5:30 PM – Worship	9 5:30 PM – Worship
10 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday In Lent</b> 8:15 AM – Worship 9:30 AM – Bible Study & Bible Study 10:45 AM – Worship 12 Noon -- Confirmation	11 1:00 PM – Senior Service	12 9:00 AM – Bible Study	13 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in Lent</b> 7:00 PM – Worship	14 9:00 AM – Circuit Pastors' Meeting	15 5:30 PM – Worship	16 <b>COMMUNION</b> 5:30 PM – Worship
<b>17 COMMUNION</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday In Lent</b> 8:15 AM – Worship 9:30 AM – Bible Study & Sunday School 10:45 AM – Worship 5:00 PM – Youth Night	18	19 9:00 AM – Bible Study	20 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in Lent</b> 7:00 PM – Worship	21	22 5:30 PM – Worship	23 5:30 PM – Worship
24 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday In Lent</b> 8:15 AM – Worship 9:30 AM – Bible Study & Sunday School 10:45 AM – Worship 12 Noon -- Confirmation	25 10:00 AM – Park Pointe	26 9:00 AM – Bible Study	27 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in Lent</b> 7:00 PM – Worship	28 7:00 PM – Church Council	29 5:30 PM – Worship	30 5:30 PM – Worship
<b>April Notes – Holy Week Dates:</b> Palm Sunday, April 14 Maundy Thursday, April 18 Good Friday, April 19 Easter Vigil, April 20 Easter, April 21						
31 <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Lent</b> 8:15 AM – Worship 9:30 AM – Bible Study & Sunday School 10:45 AM – Worship						