



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 28	Mar 1	2	3	4	5	6
	7:00pm Bell Choir		4:30pm Kingdom Kids 5:30pm Confirmation 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Worship 6:30pm Youth Group 7:30pm Music Practice	9:00am Charis Women's Bible Study via Zoom	OFFICE CLOSED	
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28	29	30	31	Apr 1	2	3
PALM SUNDAY 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Fellowship 10:20am Anchored In 10:20am Good Life 10:30am Adult Discussion			6:30pm Youth Group 7:30pm Music Practice	6:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service	OFFICE CLOSED 6:30pm Good Friday Worship Service	

# Cornerstone

## MARCH ISSUE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
FOR CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Goliath Must Fall!

On Wednesdays during Lent we are on a journey for life, the good life in Christ. I do not mean the life of the perfect car, family, spouse, job, etc... but the abundant life of being in God’s love and loving others with unconditional love that we have received from God.

How can this happen on earth? With all the problems in life how can we live with joy and confidence? The story of David and Goliath is a wonderful story because the little guy finally wins. But often we do not understand or see how he defeated the giant. Often, we are raised in the way of the world or the way of religion. The world says try harder and you will achieve. Be a do-gooder and God will keep you safe. The focus is all on what we can do and our motivation to really show people

that we are to be respected.

But as we carefully look at the life of David, we see that it is his relationship with God that is his strength and motivation. David lives from God and not to God. David lives out of Gods acceptance and not for God’s acceptance! The giants in life would love to knock us down, to put us in dismay, or to terrify us so that we quit living.

Often when people are struggling, I invite them to read psalm 139: 14-16. It speaks of how God fearfully and wonderfully made us. God has an everlasting love for us. Even when we were against God, his love never changed for us. He is always our heavenly Father. Sin separates us from God’s love but does not change it. Jesus’ coming to earth was not only an act of

God’s everlasting love for us but was also the means to restore us back to God. It is for who so ever would turn to Jesus and accept what he has done for them. In Christ Jesus’ suffering we see his love is without limit and is big enough to restore us and take away the sting of shame, guilt, and separation. In short God is totally for us. He is always yes for us.

We may not realize it but the amount of freedom, joy, and overflowing enthusiasm in our life is diminished because of giants that have come into our lives and overshadow us. These giants must fall! The giants of fear, rejection, comfort, anger, and addiction are stealing God’s glory from our lives. Christ himself is knocking on our door to say let me in as never before. Let me be your giant slayer. I firmly believe that when we gather as Christians around Jesus, that he himself imparts

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himself and his glory on our lives. No human can do that but Christ living amongst us will do that. In the presence of Jesus, Goliath must fall.

This is what David knew about God’s love. This is why David wrote the Psalms. David always had God before him, and so he was not afraid. He knew God’s love for people was the glory of God. God wants us to know his glory. God allows giants to come against us so we might know his love and his relationship with us is greater. Giants against us must fall because of God’s glory in Jesus. Our journey in Lent is to grow deep roots in Jesus, to have him always before us. So, we invite you to move into daily prayer, and daily embracing his word. We want to walk that narrow path, that so few do. The path of living for Jesus, of letting him transform us. We want to stop looking at ourselves and to look to him. We want to step out in faith to him and move into a whole new level of being there for each other.

God’s Peace,  
Pastor Ron

When I consider your  
heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars,  
which you have set in place,  
what is mankind that you are  
mindful of them,  
human beings that you  
care for them?

Psalm 8:3-4

# What is a Psalm of Ascent?

The book of Psalms is an incredible book of the Bible. It is filled with songs and poems that sing praises to God, call out to God in hardship, in worship, and in contemplation. They are meant to be read and reread. And once you have done that, read them again. They can lead our hearts and minds into a spirit of worship and can help us to pray, giving us words to express the feelings that we are having.

One particular section of the Psalms is called the Psalms of Ascents. These Psalms (120-134) were used by the people of Israel as they made their way to the feasts in Jerusalem. The city of Jerusalem was situated on a high hill, the highest in the region, so as people traveled there, they would go on the road that was “ascending” to Jerusalem. These Psalms were then song as they people went up the road. Yet these Psalms not only got their names because of an elevation change that was occurring, but because of a spirit of change that is contained in their words.

These 15 Psalms were most likely sung in order during the three times a year faithful Hebrews made the trip.

These trips served as a metaphor for a life lived toward God, with Him as their goal. The psalms that they had sung on the way marked a break from their daily routines as they left their homes and jobs and began a pilgrimage up the mountain towards Jerusalem. Singing these psalms was a way for the traveler to express amazing grace and to quiet anxious fears. It was literally a faith journey.

During the season of Lent we are beginning each of our worship services with a Psalm of Ascent. We want to intentionally mark each service as a point along the path of our faith journey. We want to incorporate these Psalms into our worship so they can provide a reminder of who we are and where we are going. The road of faith is not always smooth or easy. Let us use these ancient songs to call out for God to give us the hope we need, the community we desire, the perseverance that is often beyond our grasp, the security that seems fleeting, and the help that we desperately seek. Let us read and pray and re-read these psalms continually as we call on the only one in whom these can be found.

Pastor Wes



Doris Hanson will be celebrating her 99th birthday on March 13th, as well as being a member of Christ Lutheran Church for 99 years. Her memories are numerous and she has established many lifelong friends through the church. She looks forward to attending worship services again as soon as her assisted living facility allows the residents to do so. The photo on the left is from her confirmation at Christ Lutheran in 1937. The more recent photo was taken last week in her apartment.

Because of the pandemic and all of the restrictions associated with her being a part of the Lake Minnetonka Shores assisted living community, she has been isolated from her family and friends for most of the past year. After receiving her second vaccination in mid February, we are hopeful that her world will open up again soon.

Unfortunately, we will be unable to gather with family and friends for her birthday. You can help her celebrate her 99 years by sending a card. We know she would appreciate it.

Scott & Sharon Harding

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## Council Highlights

- ♣ We hired Laura Mundahl as a part time youth leader for a one-year term. The position will be reviewed in July this year. Reimbursement to come from the Youth Fund.
- ♣ Reviewed the work of the Vision Team. They are working on a process, purpose and vision to guide our congregation. Love God- Love Others-Serve the world.
- ♣ The Endowment Committee approved the purchase of video and online equipment. Church council will hold a Special Congregational meeting on April 11th to approve moving the funds and also funds for remodeling the bathrooms.
- ♣ Church Council will have a one-day retreat on Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup>.