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Warmer Weather Ahead

As I write this, our nation is gripped in one of the coldest blasts of weather in many years. It's not quite as bad here in Oklahoma as it is up North, but nevertheless, the temperature is pretty frigid outside. Even so, in the next few days our temperatures should be much warmer. This is what we look forward to in the days to come.

When you think about it, this is how it is for we Christians. Living on this earth as a follower of Jesus, is not always easy. Sometimes it feels downright cold the way the world views us. But we see better things ahead, we know that regardless of what the world does or says, we have a home waiting for us. A home with warmer temperatures, much warmer temperatures.

Jesus gives us this promise in Revelation chapter seven: *After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."*

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January Calendar to be released Dec. 15th

»»» PUBLISHING DEADLINE «««

THE DEADLINE FOR
APRIL/ MAY 2019
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES WILL BE

MARCH 15TH AT NOON

please type and submit articles
by email to Lacy Urban at:
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Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."^[1]

In the days ahead, we'll have warm weather, and we'll have cold; nothing we do can change this. But in our spiritual lives, we know Jesus will return to bring us into his kingdom where we will be well taken care of, and he will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Bersche

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^[1] [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (Re 7:9-17). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

February

Happy Birthday!

February 2nd	Megan Graumann
February 4th	Charlotte Baird
February 5th	Sandra Chamberlain, Matthew Peck, Holden Stephens
February 9th	Al Cardwell
February 13th	Bret Tollers
February 15th	Benjamin Christian, Dana Graumann
February 18th	Samuel Benter, Austin Holley
February 21st	Mike Tolman, Nancy Nelson
February 23rd	Robert Hanks, Spencer Frazier, Isabella Flores, Matthew McBee
February 24th	Kristin Witt
February 25th	Clark Christensen, Ruth Ann
February 26th	Beverly Boyd, Mike Smith
February 27th	Karen Kasheimer
February 28th	Miles McClanahan, Stephanie Riley



March

Happy Anniversary

March 14th

Larry & Kathleen Peck

March 15th

Pete & Wanda Shurow

March 17th

Steve & Elsie Lake

March 20th

Mike & Carole Smith

March 28th

Robert & Rhonda O'Connor

Happy Birthday!

March 1st	Joshua Peck
March 3rd	Jaedan Bersche, Richard Conner, Pam Lee
March 4th	Keith Wilson, Parker Ramsey
March 5th	Adam Basford, Shirley Stillman, Dick Kortemeier, Margaret Crofford
March 6th	Rachel Peck
March 7th	Shawna Wolfgram
March 8th	Carolyn Goldbeck
March 9th	Emily Eskew, Bill Harper
March 10th	Abigail Baird
March 11th	Eloise Jones, Jo Carter
March 12th	Danny Hartmann
March 14th	John O'Loughlin, Serenity Payne, Steve Self
March 17th	Joel Johnson, Fred Reichert
March 18th	Russell Lee
March 19th	Sandi Wolfgram
March 21st	Ian Adams, Cathy Mathes
March 24th	Rhonda Tollers, Bryan Payne
March 25th	Caroline Adams, Rex Adams
March 27th	Samantha McClanahan
March 29th	Carol Cardwell, Karen Harrison, Wendy Bersche
March 31st	Caroline Austin



LWML

March Inasmuch Project

For our March *Inasmuch* project we will be donating to the Moore Animal Welfare, anything pet related: pet food, cat litter, treats, pet toys, pet beds, blankets, towels, cleaning supplies (especially glass cleaner, laundry detergent, and fabric softener)

***While making a donation to the Moore Animal Shelter
add a photo of you and your pet – to the poster provided by In As Much easel!***



LWML News

- There are LWML Lutheran Woman's Quarterly magazines Winter 2018 available in print and online. Online at: <http://www.lwml.org/lutheran-womans-quarterly> or we have printed copies, contact Wendy Bersche or Rhonda Tollers.
- Collection for Old LWML Convention Bags for quilt sewing project at Good Shepherd. There is a collection box in the LWML area in Blanchard Hall.
- 38th Biennial Convention Registration is open June 20-23, 2019 Mobile, Alabama. Early discount fees registration postmarked by March 14, 2019. Be sure and register to ride the bus that leaves OKC on June 19 and returns June 24. There is information online, in the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly Winter 2018 and the LWML bulletin board, West side. See Karen Karner if you have questions about Convention - "In Praise to the Lord!"



WOW - Women of the Word

A New Women's Bible Study Group starting on Jan. 15

WOW is open to all women, of all ages, so please feel free to invite your friends. We will meet for approximately one hour on Tuesdays at 2 p.m., here at St John Lutheran Church. The desire is to create a tight-knit group of sisters in Christ, who love each other deeply, pray for one another, and, together, become rooted deeper in God's Word.

Our first study will be ***ROOTED; Understanding the Power and Purpose of God's Word*** by LeAnne Blackmore and is available online, through Amazon for around \$10, or Mardel's for \$14.99 with a 20% discount.

Rooted: Understanding the Power and Purpose of God's Word, is a unique Bible study to help you secure deeper spiritual roots. By digging into selected Scriptures, you'll learn about God's sacred love for you, recognize the value and worth of Scripture, and apply practical truths for powerful living.

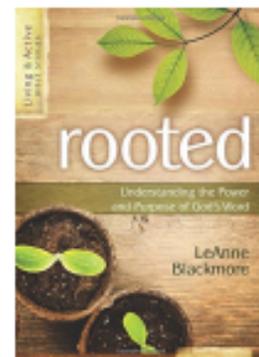
Using an inductive study method you'll ground yourself by:

- **READING** six specific historical accounts from Scripture
- **RELATING** to the culture and context of God's Word
- **REFLECTING** on these passages so you can live out God's principles
- **REMEMBERING** the lessons through simple memorization and compelling narrative

So let's get rooted in the Word . . . because deep roots ground us.

The first time we meet we will discuss the "getting started, bible study process" outlined in our book, and share our vision and hope for the group. Each meeting will open with a short devotional and end with praying for one another. Pastor will not attend the bible studies but will approve study material and be available to answer questions.

"Satan knows taht the only offensive weapon we have to raise against him is the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. He can't keep it from being powerful, but if he can tempt us to think little of it, he knows it will never be powerful in us." ~Beth Moore



SENIOR SAINTS - VALENTINES DAY PARTY!







PALS/PTA

Happy New Year from your St John's Lutheran PALS! We finished off our 1st semester with a very successful Parent's Night Out in early December. We had 30 children in attendance. They had the best time! We ate pizza and decorated cookies. They made Christmas ornaments for keepsakes. We played fun games in the gym and ended the night with popcorn and Christmas movies. We also had the Christmas store available that allowed children to shop for their family members, teachers and even pets! The Christmas store is always a fun and huge hit with the kiddos. We are off to a fun start to the second semester and we have LOTS of exciting things planned for this this spring, kicking off with February!

The week of Feb 4th through 8th we will be selling Valentine's grams for children to purchase for their classmates, teachers, or anyone else their little heart's desire. We will deliver the Valentine's grams to all of our sweeties on Valentine's day. We are VERY excited to announce that THIS YEAR our Daddy/Daughter dance and Momma/Sons dance will return! We previously held the dances 3 years ago and people are STILL talking about the memories they made and have requested to have them again. So, it is our goal to make these recurring annual events for students and families to look forward to year after year.

Our "Princess... I'll be your King" - Daddy/Daughter dance will be held February 8th, 7pm-9pm. Tickets went on sale Jan 28th and will be sold through February 1st, or can also be purchased at the door. The cost is only \$15 per family. Tiaras and flowers will be provided to all of our princesses who have pre-purchased tickets and we will distribute to all others until we run out. We will be serving cake and punch and are excited for each beautiful princess to dance the night away with a very special man in her life!

Our "Belles & Buckaroos" - Mother/Son dance will be held on March 8th, 7pm-9pm. Tickets will be \$15 per family and the pre-purchase date will be announced soon. We are going with a western theme and let me just tell you that "these Buckaroos love to wear them some cowboy gear." Well, and to be honest, there may be some Momma's that like to put their boots on and scoot around the dance floor as well.

Now let's talk about our SIGNATURE ANNUAL EVENT that's coming up in April... you know the one... Our beloved SPRING FLING AUCTION! It is our goal to make this year's auction memorable and to get as many volunteers and donors to help make it a huge success. We will be serving that infamous barbeque that everyone is STILL talking about that we served last year. We will let you know when tickets will be going on sale. We had an amazing 300+ in attendance last year! We do need your help in donating items for the auction, as well as, getting donations from the community. When you're out to eat, shopping at a store, or know someone who is a small business owner, or even getting your haircut, kindly ask them if they would help support our St John's Lutheran school by a donation which we will gladly give them a donation tax receipt for. We have donation request letters available for you if you would like to pick up a few to help distribute. Your help is so greatly appreciated in helping us prepare for this big event!

From the Principal's Desk...

St. John's Lutheran School celebrated Lutheran Schools Week January 21-25. Lutheran Schools Week is a nationwide celebration of Lutheran Schools. We also recognized "School Choice Week" to raise awareness of private schools as an option for education. Our theme for the week was "I Love My School Because..." and students shared why they love SJLS. We decorated posters, shared our ideas in Rise and Shine, and started each day with a special devotion.

Each day also had a fun theme to make the week exciting! The school was closed on Monday, January 21st in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Tuesday we celebrated by dressing up as what we want to be when we grow up. We saw superheros, doctors, police officers, teachers, and even a retiree. The students loved dressing up and having fun. We also wore sunglasses because we are so 'bright'!

On Wednesday we dressed up WACKY! The students had a blast mix matching their outfits and wearing the wackiest gear they could find. We saw brightly colored hair, backwards clothes, silly hats, and mix-matched shoes! It was truly a wacky day. Then on Thursday the students and teachers dressed up as nerds. There were glasses with tape, lots of suspenders, high-water jeans, and silly shirts.

We ended the week showing our school spirit and wearing our favorite SJLS t-shirt. We had a special assembly in the afternoon with singing, dancing, and a devotion celebrating our Lutheran School. We ended the week with PALS Snack! It was a wonderful week!

~LaRonda Richards
Principal & CDC Director





St. John's Lutheran Church & School

School Events are Blue

FEBRUARY 2019

ELDER OF THE MONTH

BRYAN PAYNE

ASSISTING ELDER

TOM KUTER

WEEKLY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
08:00am Worship Service	05:45 Handbell	02:00pm WOW	09:00am Quilters	07:00pm In Christ
09:15am Children's Sunday School	06:45pm Choir	Women of the World	11:00am Bible Study	Alone Bible Study
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09:15am Adult Sunday School		Night Bible Class	05:00pm Confirmation Class	
10:30am Worship Service			07:00pm Worship Service	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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03 4th Sunday after Epiphany <i>Communion 1st Service</i>	04	15 07:00pm LWML	06 Advent Service <i>Communion</i> 5pm PALS's Meeting	07	08	09
10 The Transfiguration of Our Lord <i>Communion 2nd Service</i>	11	12 07:00pm Mission Board Meeting	13 Advent Service <i>Communion</i>	14 Class Valentine's Day Parties	15	16 7:30am Men's Bible Study
17 Septuagesima <i>Communion 1st Service</i> Sunday School Children Singing	18 NO SCHOOL- Teacher in-Service Day	19 06:00pm School Board Meeting	20 Advent Service <i>Communion</i>	21	22 PALS Snack Day	23
24 Sexagesima <i>Communion 2nd Service</i>	25 Christmas Eve 7:00pm Service	26 Christmas Day 9:30am Service	27 <i>Communion</i>	28 Skate Night at Skate Moore from 6-9pm		