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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

**"Return to the Lord."** Is the devotional booklet that follow the sermon series. Those have been placed in a basket in the Narthex. Daily Devotional images are available to use as a resource.

**"Together We Pray"** is a devotional provided by the LCMS Kansas District and includes prayers for Lent and Easter. These are also available in the Narthex.

Make sure to take one of these home for devotions for you and your family.

### RETURN TO THE LORD: LENT/EASTER WORSHIP SERIES

In the Book of Joel, the prophet paints a vivid picture of the coming judgment of God, the Day of the Lord. The imagery is bold and terrifying: hordes of locusts swarming over the land and decimating everything. Joel's prophecy has teeth even today as wars rage, natural disasters threaten and destroy, and our culture seems to be unraveling. But right in the middle of this frightening portent, we find a tender invitation from the Lord: "Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster" (Joel 2:13).

God's invitation and promise finds its fullness in Jesus Christ, who personifies and accomplishes all that God declares. During this season of Lent, we will consider the theme "Return to the Lord" and examine how the call to return played out in practical ways for the people who walked alongside Christ as He demonstrated and carried out God's grace and mercy on our behalf, taking God's wrath upon Himself, setting the stage for God to "turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him" (Joel 2:14).

Each sermon in this series focuses on a particular event in the Passion, with a special focus on the people involved in the event. Studying the events and people helps to connect the hearers with their own sinful nature, to emphasize how we have turned away from the Lord, and to reinforce and rejoice in God's call for us to return to Him with all our heart.

**Wednesday of Lent 2:** "Return from Betrayal"

**Wednesday of Lent 3:** "Return from False Witness"

**Wednesday of Lent 4:** "Return from Denial"

**Wednesday of Lent 5:** "Return to the Kingdom of God"

**Holy (Maundy) Thursday:** "Return to the Table"

**Good Friday:** "Return to Truth"

**Easter Sunday:** "Return and See"

I pray that this series will be a blessing to you this Lenten season.

**THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL** Today's lesson, The Faith-Full Family," tells of Ruth's loyalty to her widowed mother-in-law, Naomi. Returning to Naomi's ancestral home in Bethlehem, Ruth gleaned Boaz's fields to provide food for herself and Naomi. Ruth finds favor with Boaz, who purchases Naomi's land and redeems Ruth from her widowhood. Having married Boaz, Ruth bears a son, Obed, that grandfather of King David.

### WORSHIP RESOURCES

#### Lectionary Images for Feb. 21

[https://www.bsclks.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2021-02-14\\_Lectionary-Images-1.pdf](https://www.bsclks.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2021-02-14_Lectionary-Images-1.pdf)

#### Children's Worship Notes Feb.21

[https://www.bsclks.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2021-02-21\\_childrens-worship-notes.pdf](https://www.bsclks.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2021-02-21_childrens-worship-notes.pdf)

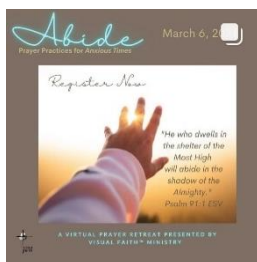
**VOICE OF THE MARTYRS VIRTUAL EVENT** Be inspired by the stories of three men who were - ARRESTED. INTERROGATED. IMPRISONED. But God remained faithful. Don't miss this special opportunity to meet three Christian workers who were imprisoned for their faith! The Voice of the Martyrs, with help from LifeWay, is hosting a FREE virtual event on Friday, **March 5, 2021** (6:30 to 10:00pm) that will feature three inspiring speakers: Petr Jasek, Dan Baumann and Andrew Brunson. If you have questions, you may contact Danny Hundley. Registration is free. To register go to: [https://www.persecution.com/event/?source\\_code=WHPB20G](https://www.persecution.com/event/?source_code=WHPB20G)

**TACKLING HUNGER!!** We received a total of 471 cans (Chiefs -407. Bucs-64) of food for our Super Bowl Challenge. This will help **TACKLE HUNGER** in our community. For those of you who were not able to bring your donations of canned hearty soup, chicken and tuna last Sunday, we are extending the donation time through this next week. Let's show our support to those less fortunate in our community! All of the donations will be divided between the Pioneer Trail Backsnack program and the Catholic Charities' food pantry. Thank you all!! Let's keep the Mission going!

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

### ABIDE: PRAYER PRACTICES FOR ANXIOUS TIMES VIRTUAL PRAYER RETREAT MARCH 6, 2021

In this season of fear, uncertainty, and social distancing, Visual Faith™ Ministry invites you to find rest with God. Join us for a day of **abiding** with God and one another as we hear, see, and experience prayer practices that can be done in your personal devotional life, with your family, or in the larger context of a Christian community. Twelve Visual Faith™ Ministry coaches and leaders will introduce you to a variety of prayer practices that are **achievable** and **grace-filled**. Connect with these speakers and visual faith practices that will guide you as you walk in relationship with Jesus, your Savior. For more information or to register visit: <https://visualfaith.wixsite.com/visualfaithministry/abide-retreat> Click on the REGISTER NOW button to see all the options - including a FREE registration the day of - including printable guidebook and resources! If you have any questions, contact Alli Bauck or Eden Keefe.



**THE KANSAS DISTRICT LWML** has a new website -- CHECK IT OUT! [www.kansaslwml.org](http://www.kansaslwml.org) Greetings from the LWML Kansas District! As this **new** website is unveiled, in this **new** year, with a **new** president, I present to you the President's theme for my 2020-2024 term. **FOLLOW THE SON:** Serve grace-fully in joyful **Obedience** with a **New** focus. May you find ways to **Serve** grace-fully as a Christian full of grace. Do so in joyful **Obedience** as this is how our Lord has taught us. Fix your eyes on Jesus and set a **New** focus on Him and not what we see in the world.

### WILL YOU BE MY LWML VALENTINE?

LWML - Lutheran Women in Mission shares the love of Christ through Word and mercy work. During the month of February, please respond to God's love for you by supporting LWML's mission work here at home and across the globe. Donations can be placed in the beautifully decorated "Valentine boxes" or the LWML Mite Box in the narthex. They will be available during drive through communion later this month, too! The Kansas district mission grant we are currently working to fund is for the Food Bank & Clothing Co-op at Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne.



## PRESCHOOL NEWS

**THE PRESCHOOL HAS BEEN CLOSED**, drying out, and waiting for completion of restoration in order to be safely operational for our children. We are hoping to be back open on Monday, but are still waiting for official word from our contractors. Thank you to all who have reached out with offers to volunteer time to help with resetting our classrooms. Listen to the announcements on Sunday morning at church for more information about volunteer opportunities. We appreciate all the prayers during this challenging time and seek to continue Connecting Children and Families to Jesus as we Gather, Grow, and Go very soon!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**COVID VACCINE** . Carol Vandenberg is volunteering to drive anyone to KU for their vaccine if they need help. Driving into the city can be scary and finding your way around KU is equally scary. Being retired from KU downtown I believe I can help. Instructions to sign up: If you are not a patient (in the last 3 years). Go to the Kansas University Health System - select COVID 19 update -select COVID 19 vaccine -select not a patient (those who are patients within the last year will be notified when their age group is up through my chart) -then scroll down and select the form and fill it out. Can be a little complicate to some. Hope this helps. Email Carol Vandenberg. ([kansaswego@yahoo.com](mailto:kansaswego@yahoo.com)).

**HELP WANTED** Christ Lutheran School is seeking a highly motivated, Christ centered individual who is excited about working as a Kindergarten Aide at our Overland Park campus. Candidates should possess a bachelor's degree or substantially similar educational background. Experience with Kindergarten aged children is a plus! Individuals interested in learning more about the position are invited to speak with School Principal, David Rindt, [David.Rindt@clcop.org](mailto:David.Rindt@clcop.org) or 913.754.5888.

**PIONEER TRAIL BACKSNACK REMINDER** There are approximately 35 students participating in the Pioneer Trail Backsnack program this school year. Our donations provide a portion of the items that they take home on the weekends. The monthly need for each student is: 2 boxes CEREAL (12-15oz size fits in a backpack), 4 cans HEARTY SOUP (approx. 18-19oz size), 4 FRUIT CUPS. Please consider sponsoring a student and providing these items each month. Donations can be put in the large wooden box in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity.

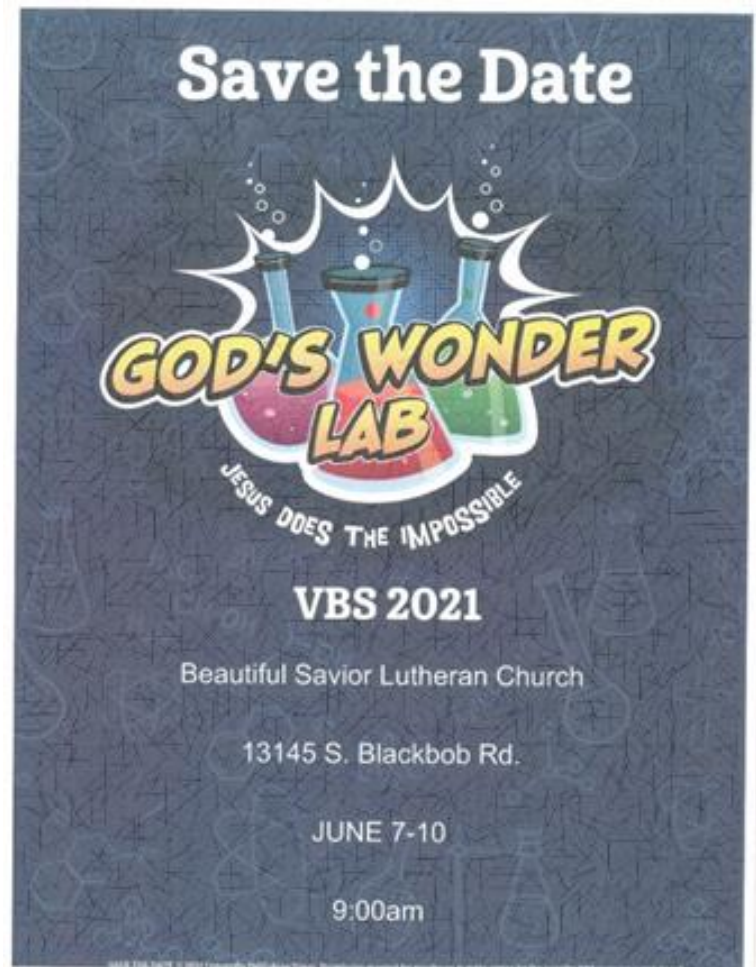
**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** New Hope Food Pantry, 13310 S. Blackbob Road, is looking for volunteers to help with their food pantry. For more information call their church office at 913-782-0955.

**HOPE LUTHERAN SCHOOL** in Shawnee, KS is seeking a Middle School teacher for 2021-2022 school year who will:

- Create a fun, energetic environment that encourages student growth and fosters a love of God, each other, and learning.
- Work collaboratively with colleagues in maintaining academic excellence in a caring Christian school.
- Teach in a semi-self-contained classroom for middle school grades , especially in language arts and social sciences.
- Actively participate in the spiritual life of the school and church.
- Seek and obtain KS teaching license by the end of 1<sup>st</sup> year after placement if out of state.

Candidates are to send a resume and cover letter to Mrs. Jankowski, principal at [jankowski@hopelutheran.org](mailto:jankowski@hopelutheran.org). If you know of someone that is seeking a call, please share potential

candidate names with Ella Schempp at [dayschool@hopelutheran.org](mailto:dayschool@hopelutheran.org). Thank you.



## CALENDAR:

### Sunday, February 21

8:00am - Worship w/ Comm. & live streamed  
9:15am – Education Hour live and streamed  
10:30am – Worship w/ Communion  
11:30am – Audit Committee  
11:45am – Communion Service – front parking lot  
1:00pm – Music Prep. & recording until 3:00pm  
2:00pm – LWML Zone Board Meeting until 4:00pm  
3:30pm – Laudate Ringers until 4:15pm  
4:30pm – Youth Choir until 5:15pm  
5:30pm – Beata Handbells until 6:15pm  
6:30pm – Music Recording until 7:30pm  
7:00pm – Church Council

### Monday, February 22

8:30am – Preschool  
12:15pm – Preschool  
7:00pm - MOPS

### Tuesday, February 23

8:30am – Preschool  
9:30am – Organist Practice  
12:15pm – Preschool

### Wednesday, February 24

7:00am – Men's Bible Study  
8:30pm - Preschool  
9:30am – Organist practice  
12:00pm –Midweek Lent Service  
12:15pm – Preschool  
5:30pm – Chimes until 6:00pm  
6:00pm – Confirmation  
6:00pm - Preconfirmation  
7:00pm – Midweek Lent Service  
7:30pm – Adult Handbells (Following service)

### Thursday, February 25

8:30am – Preschool  
9:30am – Women's Bible Study (via Zoom)  
12:15pm – Preschool  
7:00pm – Women's Bible Study (via Zoom)

### Friday, February 26

8:30am - Preschool  
12:15pm – Preschool

### Saturday, February 27

8:30am – Altar Guild Prep until 9:30am

### Sunday, February 28

8:00am – Worship w/ Comm. & live streamed  
9:15am – Educ. Hour in person & Live Streamed  
10:30am – Worship w/ Communion  
11:45am – Communion Service – front parking lot  
1:00pm – Music Prep. & recording until 3:00pm  
3:30pm – Laudate Ringers until 4:15pm  
4:30pm – Youth Choir until 5:15pm  
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## Birthdays:

Feb. 21 Julie Flores  
Feb. 22 Jaleel Counts  
Feb. 24 Brad Johnson, Susan West.  
Feb. 25 Ryan Martin  
Feb. 27 Lauren Batsch, Sean McAllister

## Anniversaries:

Feb. 25 Ken & Shirley Kneese

### Our Worship 02/14/21

Attendance	323
Offerings	\$31,313.60
Sunday School	
Trusting Hearts	\$9,837.20
<i>Offerings do not include any Electronic Contributions.</i>	

## Stewardship Corner

A 60-year-old person recently said, "According to the U. S. Census Bureau, the average American is 34 years old. Well, at least I'm above average at something!" Where do you get your sense of worth in life? Some of us find worth in our accomplishments. As we live and focus our lives of faith on the Lord, He enables us to see that our worth is already tied up in what Jesus has done for us. Because of Jesus, we are all above average. If and when we get down on ourselves, we need to look at the cross and the empty tomb. God loves us and wants the best for us. As forgiven and redeemed people of God, we will always be above average in the eyes of the Lord.

## GOD HAS CREATED EVERYTHING,AND THEREFORE HE HAS TOTALAUTHORITY AND IS IN COMPLETE CONTROL.

"The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore" (Psalm 121:7-8).

