

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SHAME

I recently listened then read a book by Brene Brown, called Daring Greatly. I thought the title sounded interesting, but didn't know what it was really about. Turns out it was about shame. The struggle that people have with shame, and some ways to cure it. As I listened, it kept coming to me that the solution she was looking for was found in Jesus and His Church. So that is how our Lent series got started.

The Bible uses the word "shame" 153 times, mostly describing people living ungodly lives. Shame excludes people from their group. People want to be part of a community. To be in a community is also to have some standards and to be honored for keeping them, and shamed for not. I know that sounds like a bad church to belong to, especially for being shamed for not keeping them.

But the point of church is that it is a place to remove our shame, to be included in a group, and to receive honor. In particular the honor of being called Children of God. Jesus suffered shame, so that he could bestow upon us his honor. "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:2, NIV84)

If you struggle with shame, come hear how Jesus lifts you out of that, and gives you community, and life. If you are ashamed of something in your life, know that we come to church, and confess our sins, and so are all in the same boat. We all need our shame removed. Jesus does that. Read the Gospels, and see how Jesus took people that were shamed, and honored them. He does that for you too.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Utecht

LWML NEWS



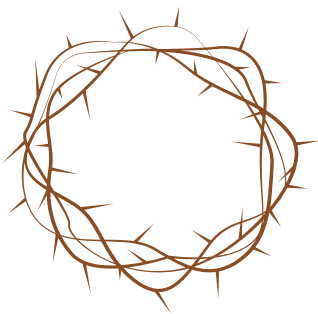
LWML WILL BE ON APRIL 5TH AT 1:00
FOLLOWING NOON BIBLE STUDY.

LENT

Sermon Series: Shame

Soup at 6:00 and
Service at 7:00.

Sign up to bring soup!



Easter

Services will be
held at 9:00 AM on
April 9 with a
brunch to follow.

YOUTH AND FAMILY



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation for middle school youth is on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45.

During Lent confirmation is after church until 8:30. Otherwise all other classes are the same.

Confirmation will be held on April 23rd.

NOON BIBLE STUDY

Join us for Noon Bible Study on Wednesdays.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth group will be having informal get-togethers from 6:30-7:00 during Lent Suppers.

MIDWEEK BIBLE SCHOOL

All elementary school aged children (and their friends), are welcome to come to the Church on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00 for Bible stories, a snack, a craft and music!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHERRY HILLS

A Communion Service in the Cherry Hills chapel will be held on Wednesday March 8 at 10:30 AM.



ROSEBUD ENCOURAGEMENT ZONE

REZ will be combined with Lent until May.

IF YOU HAVE AN ITEM FOR THE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE HAVE IT TO JILL BY MARCH 30 .

ITEMS FOR FACEBOOK OR THE WEBSITE CAN BE SUBMITTED TO JILL OR JEFF MCQUISTAN ANY TIME.

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH

- 1 Whitley Cumbow
- 4 Billy Cumbow
- 6 Hank Lancaster
- 7 Mary Frances Fleming
- 8 Dick & Ruth Stiefel
- 9 Boone Jespersen
- 11 Lynn Graeff
- 11 Cody Heinert
- 13 Sarah Olson
- 14 Randy & Linda Schafer
- 14 Sharon Eickhoff
- 14 Kurt Stolzenburg
- 19 Sandy Jacobs
- 19 Slade Jespersen
- 21 Titus Utecht
- 22 Kerry Krueger
- 25 Annalena Nelson
- 25 Justus Utecht
- 31 Tatin Krueger
- 31 Megan (Gallino) Leikam

APRIL

- 1 Billy & Teena Krueger
- 2 Courtney Galloway
- 2 Jennifer Stolzenburg
- 12 Noah Krueger
- 13 Jack Lancaster
- 14 Fayth From
- 14 Wayne Soles
- 16 Claire Lancaster
- 16 Risa Bopp
- 16 Caden Gale
- 17 Kailyn (Graeff) Sebron
- 21 Jeff Sayer
- 21 R.J. & Kaye Cozad
- 23 Doc Lancaster
- 24 Andrew Parks
- 24 Michael Gallino
- 26 Priscilla Hawthorne
- 28 Jhett Jespersen
- 29 David Nelson

STEWARDSHIP SCHEDULE

USHERS

- March - Shane Hamilton & Chad Tetherow
- April - Doug Jacobs & Dean Kockrow

CLEANING

- Feb 27 & March 6 - Sayer
- March 13 - Professional
- March 20 & 27 - Garwood
- April 3 & 10 - Kelly Peterson