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Welcome, Pastor Elisha Lietzau

Greetings to all of you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus!

It is time to take the opportunity to thank our heavenly Father for allowing us to welcome our new pastor who will be with us for the period assigned by our loving God. Please consider this to be a great honor and a privilege. While none of us were looking for this to happen, we were led down a different path and we are happy to witness the arrival of a new shepherd because it happens once in a while and for us only 5 times in our history. From Romans 8:28 – *“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.”* We can all agree that our Lord is at work to fulfill His agenda and purpose for the church.

It has been a long process and while we welcome Pastor Lietzau, let me tell you about some of the other candidates who did not make the cut of the call committee.

Candidate Adam: Good man but problems with his wife. Also one reference told of how his wife and he enjoy walking nude in the woods

Candidate Noah: Former pastorate of 120 years with no converts. Prone to unrealistic building projects

Candidate Joseph: A big thinker, but a braggart, believes in dream-interpreting, and has a prison record.

Candidate David: The most promising leader of all until we discovered the affair he had with his neighbor's wife.

Candidate Jonah: Refused God's call into ministry until he was forced to obey by getting swallowed up by a great fish. He told us the fish later spit him out on the shore near here. We stopped the interview at this point.

Candidate John: Says he is a Baptist, but definitely doesn't dress like one. Has slept in the outdoors for months on end, has a weird diet, and provokes denominational leaders.

Candidate Peter: Too blue collar. Has a bad temper—even has been known to curse. Had a big run-in with Paul in Antioch. Aggressive, but loose cannon.

Candidate Paul: Powerful CEO type leader and fascinating preacher. However, short on tact, unforgiving with younger ministers, harsh and has been known to preach all night.

We can both chuckle at this while at the same time see the truth of this! All the reasons not to hire these men have most likely been heard during our own search for a Pastor. Is he single? Is he too young? Does he offend people? Does he have tact? How's his temper? Is he a sharp dresser? Does he like to visit? Is he friendly and sociable? What about his wife? On and on and on we go. The danger, of course, is that we get so involved in the negative things of his past or that he can't measure up to our expectations of a Pastor that we neglect to see the positive possible impact of his ministry.

You see, all the men were/are men of God, and they struggled with sin in their life just like you and me. But for some reason we expect the Pastor to be perfect! We expect the pastor we choose to meet all of our expectations and be this perfect person that does everything we need as our leader. He's not allowed to have issues. If it wasn't for the Pastor and a handful of key leaders, teachers, etc. where would we be?

Our role...

To be made into disciples. men and women that have learned and been taught to observe all the things that are commanded us by our Lord Jesus Christ. This teaching of course comes from God's Word (the Bible). He's our equipper. Our role however is to discover the gifts that God has given us and apply those gifts in areas of ministry within our body of believers. For Christ's church to be all that He wants it to be, we must look at ourselves as the body of believers.

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ASCENSION – May 30th

The reality of Christ's Ascension is so important that all three Creeds confess that "He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead." The denial of the Ascension is as grave a departure from Christian teaching as is denial of Christ's Resurrection.

Christ's bodily Ascension foreshadows our own entrance into Heaven not simply as souls, after our death, but as glorified bodies, after the resurrection of the dead at the Final Judgment. In redeeming mankind, Christ not only offered salvation to our souls but began the restoration of the material world itself to the glory that God intended before Adam's fall. Without the Ascension of Christ, His work would not be complete.

Therefore, we will observe the Feast of the Ascension on **Ascension Evening, Thursday, May 30. The service will begin at 6:30 pm.** Come and be in the presence of the ascended Christ.



Welcome to all women of the congregation

Lutheran Women in Mission

"Bold in Christ"

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold

2 Corinthians 3:12

Easter joy is an amazing feeling. Out of the darkness and gloom on Good Friday comes new life and hope on Resurrection Sunday. The events of those three days bring the greatest gift ever given: everlasting life. With hearts filled with joy we sing, "I Know that My Redeemer Lives!" Thank God for giving His Son to suffer, die and rise again so we might live forever.

2017-2019 LWML MISSION GOAL MET!

All thanks and praise to our Triune God from whom all blessings flow for meeting the \$2,075,000 national mission goal in order to fund all 22 mission grants which will help spread the Gospel message of peace, love, and forgiveness through our Savior Jesus Christ. Through your faithful and prayerful giving of mite offerings, whether it be pennies, five dollar bills, or large checks, you have contributed to furthering our Lord's kingdom. **To God be the Glory, His Grace and blessings are immeasurable! May the funding of our Mission Goal make an eternal difference in people's lives! Praise be to God!**

Rocky Mountain District Mission Grant

Intern to serve with Pastor Tim Norton, Navajo Reservation, New Mexico - \$9,600

LWML RMD has supported Pastor Norton in past biennium as he studied for the ministry. This grant would provide funds for an intern to help him serve the Navajo community and the church that is growing.

- **Pray for success of our mission grants.** Pray that those grants will point the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ, as the lives of grant recipients are impacted by our gifts.
- **Fill your Mite Box.** As you do, pray that your gifts will help touch lives of others through the grants for this biennium.
- **The LWML is thankful to each of you for your support.** Together, we are privileged to be the many and varied faces of LWML who Serve the Lord with Gladness! (Psalm 100:2)
- **Next Mite Sunday - May 19** Thank you very much for your continued support of our LWML mission grants both in the Rocky Mountain District and National.



THANK YOU

The members of the LWML North Central Zone thank you for your generous gifts of sweatshirts for the residents of the Bethesda Lutheran communities. All of these items contributed are greatly appreciated.

NEXT MEETING

will be Saturday, May 11th at 9:00 am

All women of the congregation are invited to join us.

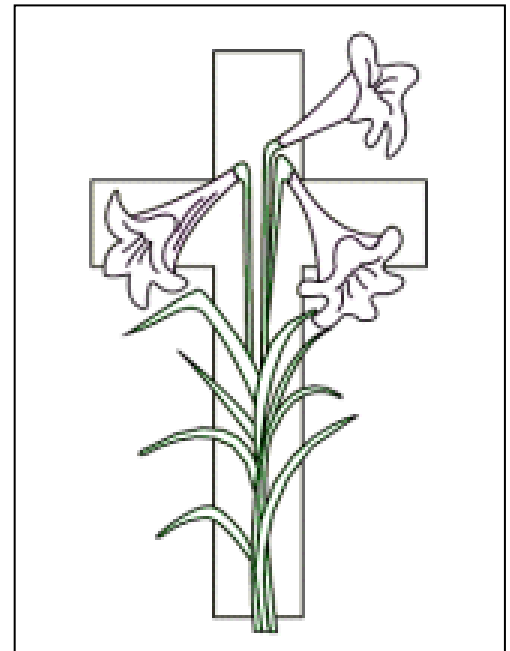


CHORALE PERFORMANCE

The Lutheran Chorale would like to invite you to our last concerts for our 2018-2019 season. **“The Beauty of Our Lord”** will be performed on **Sunday, May 19, 2019** at 2 venues. The first will be at **3:00 pm at St. John Lutheran Church, 700 S. Franklin, Denver.** Our second concert will be at **7:30 pm at Concordia Lutheran Church, 13371 W Alameda Pkwy, Lakewood.**

This concert will be a collection of familiar songs and a few new songs praising our God and country.

A free will offering will be collected to help us with expenses to produce these concerts. For further information visit our website at www.thelutheranchorage.org or email us at thelutheranchorage@comcast.net, or call David Peterson at 303-210-9428



Board of Lay Ministry Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church

Attendance/Communion Count
December 2018

Date	Attendance	Communion
12/2/18	109	90
12/5/18 (Advent by Candlelight)	33	--
12/9/18	111	89
12/12/18 (Choir Program)	62	--
12/16/18	94	75
12/19/18 (Vespers)	22	--
12/23/18	114	86
12/24/18 (Christmas Eve)	45	NA
12/25/18 (Christmas Day)	69	55
12/30/18	93	83
Total for December 2018	752	478

January 2019

Date	Attendance	Communion
1/6/19 (Epiphany)	97	86
1/13/19	90	81
1/20/19	94	80
1/27/19	88	79
Total for January 2019	369	326

February 2019

2/3/19	113	95
2/10/19 (Transfiguration)	91	76
2/17/19	92	80
2/24/19	98	77
Total for February 2019	394	328

March 2019

3/3/19 (Snow/Cold)	58	50
3/6/19 (Ash Wed.)	50	35
3/10/19 (Baptism)	119	107
3/13/19 (Lent/Snow)	Cancelled	--
3/17/19	120	98
3/20/19 (Lent)	?	--
3/24/19	80	72
3/27/19 (Lent)	44	--
3/31/19	95	83
Total for March 2019	566 ??	445

NOTE:

The Board of Lay Ministry is committed to providing information about our Worship Services. It is our intention to publish this information each month into the future.