



Divine Savior  
Lutheran Church  
102 Northridge Dr. Shawano, WI 54166

# MESSENGER

February 2020

## *Special Dates in February*

Toddler Time With  
Jesus  
8th & 22nd  
@ 10-11 a.m.  
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Worship at the Cross  
13th @ 5:30 p.m.  
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Co-or. Council Mtg.  
18th @ 6:30 p.m.  
  
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Ash Wednesday  
26th @ 4:30 p.m.  
Followed by meal  
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JCM Bible Study  
27th @ 5:30 p.m.  
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Pray & Play  
Bible Study  
Tuesdays from  
3-4:30 p.m.  
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Bread of Life  
Bible Study & Food  
Pantry  
Thursdays  
12:00-12:30 p.m.  
1:00—3:00 p.m.  
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Worship service times.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
Monday 6:30 p.m.  
Weds. (26th) 4:30 p.m.

## More Than Mere Roses

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life”*

“What can I give to prove my love?”

With Valentine’s Day approaching you may want to consider this question. Maybe you will give a card—perhaps one that plays a song about love. Maybe you will give flowers—red roses still seem like a good way to say I love you. If you’re a romantic, you might plan something special—maybe a candle-lit dinner without the kids or a surprise get-away.

In the Bible, we hear about what God gave to prove his love for us. In the book of John it says, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

God didn’t just pick out a cute card or buy some roses for us. To prove his love, he gave his Son for us. And the greatness of God’s love is seen in what he gave his Son *to*. When Jesus came to earth, he was given to a world that hated him; he was given to humiliation and torture, and ultimately, to death on a cross. As a parent, to give my child to suffer all of this is unimaginable. It would be nearly impossible to give so much for someone else. Can you relate? Yet God willingly gave his one and only, dearly loved Son for us.

So why did God do it? Because in the suffering of God’s Son we see the penalty for our sins. God chose to punish his Son instead of us.

God did this to prove his love for you. He loves you so much that he gave his Son to die your death. He loves you so much that he will give eternal life to you and all who believe.

This Valentine’s Day please reflect on the One who proved his love by giving more than mere roses; he gave his Son.

## PARISH NEWS

### Congregational Changes last month:

Added:

Baptism :

Released:

Transferred: Called Home to Jesus:

Current Congregational Stats: communicants: 160 souls: 178



### What is Love?

February seemed like a fitting time to talk about love. What is love? Depending on whom you ask, you could get quite an array of answers. Generally speaking, if you look at love from a worldly point of view, you might summarize it as showing compassion to others, supporting others in times of need and in their decisions, forming some kind of relationship with someone, platonic or romantic.

That sounds nice, and for the most part it is. But, also from a worldly standpoint, it can be considered un-loving if you disagree with someone, or tell someone that he or she is doing something they shouldn't. It can be misconstrued as hatred. This can overshadow the relationships we have.

But from a Godly point of view, you might just be showing the greatest love of all in disagreeing with someone. Though he may not think so, you would be showing the greatest love in telling someone that his actions are sinful and displeasing to God. You'd be showing true, Christian love if you do so with the intent of sharing the Gospel message of forgiveness with him so that he might turn to God in true repentance and know the forgiveness of Christ.

As Christians who wish to show the love of God to all, we look to God for guidance because, as we'll see below, not only does God show his love to us, but he is love, and he moves us to love because he has loved us.

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

<sup>13</sup> This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. <sup>16</sup> And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

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God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. <sup>17</sup> This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

<sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup> And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister. (1 John 4:7-21)

The greatest love we could ever show is to turn someone to God, to share the love of Christ by proclaiming his love, his will for us, and his forgiveness that comes to us through faith. May God always move us show true love, to each other and to all, by keeping the promise of his love for us before us at all times. Amen

In Christ,

Pastor Wolf B. Parsons

## FACETED GLASS WINDOWS

Twelve windows containing Christian symbols are scattered across the rear wall of the church. Pastor Norman Barenz of Harland, Wisconsin, designed and built the windows.

“Twelve” is the number symbolic of the Church. The use of the number as a symbol developed from the twelve tribes of Israel and the twelve apostles. There are three groups of windows and each grouping relates to the Church and its work. The symbols are explained in an order which follows the windows across the wall from east to west.

### MEANS OF GRACE (3)

Baptism—a shell with drops of water

Lord’s Supper—a grape-filled chalice and stalk of grain

God’s Word—an open Bible

### CHURCH YEAR (7)

Advent—an advent wreath to show preparation for Christ’s birth

Christmas—a manger which holds the Light of the world

Epiphany—a star which told the world of the Savior’s birth

Lent—a cross and crown of thorns to portray the Lord’s passion

Easter—a cross and lilies show the joy of resurrection

Ascension—a crown symbolizes the Lord’s coronation at Mt. of Olives

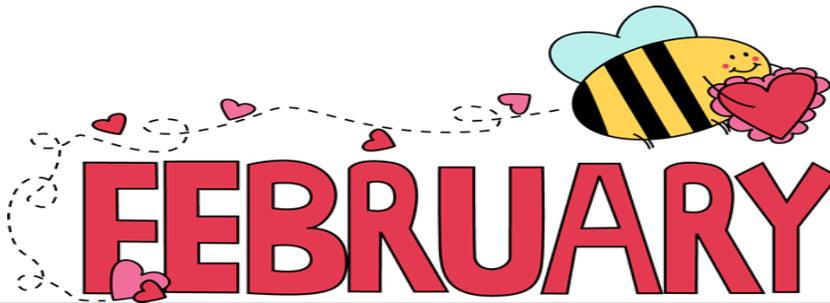
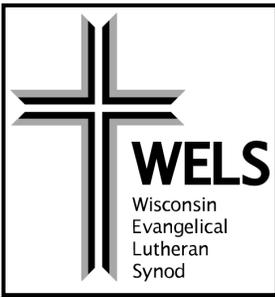
Pentecost—a dove, the form chosen by the Spirit who works faith

### LAW AND GOSPEL (2)

Gospel—The Chi-Rho symbolizes Christ and He is the Gospel

Law—Ten Commandments on tablets of stone tell of God’s holy will.

The above is for anyone that knew but forgot and for all that never knew.



**2020**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Installation Sunday Worship @ 9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Monday Eve. Worship @ 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Pray &amp; Play Bible Study @ 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Bread of Life 12:00-12:30 p.m. Food Pantry 1:00-3:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Toddler Time With Jesus 10-11 a.m.</p>
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<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Worship w/ Communion @ 9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>No Monday Night Service</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Pray &amp; Play Bible Study @ 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Ash Weds. @ 4:30 p.m. Followed by meal</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Bread of Life 12:00-12:30 p.m. Food Pantry 1:00-3:00 p.m.</p> <p>JCM Bible Study @ 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	