

# Our Fellowship News

Our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ...  
(and) we have fellowship with one another. John 1:3, 7



Christ Lutheran Church, Chetek, WI



## March Birthdays

3 - Joyce Haugestuen  
Alec Christianson  
13 - Rick Harnack  
20 - McKinzy Johnston  
25 - Griffy Rose  
26 - Vicki Christianson  
28 - Nancy Cook  
Steve Strickland  
29 - Brittany Olson  
J. Rusty Rustong  
30 - Shirley Langhough  
31 - Darrel Bauman  
Anniversaries  
3 - Tom & Alice Wardon  
14 - Ray Brower & Janice Rustong  
18 - Alec & Vicki Christianson

## CLW News

Christ Lutheran Women (CLW) met Saturday, February 14th. We are currently doing a bible study called His Marvelous Mercy, with this month's lesson focusing on "Mercy for Mary...and Mom." The study discussed the various biblical accounts of women anointing Jesus feet with expensive oil, the men who were present chastising "the waste" that could have been given to the poor, and Jesus stressing the fact the poor would always be with them, but He would not. It sparked some excellent discussion among the women at the meeting. Following the bible study, we had a short business meeting where we discussed the new business of decorating the fellowship hall for Easter, the fact the men will be serving Easter breakfast again, and how we need to stress that CLW is open to ALL women at Christ Lutheran. We ended the morning with Valentine-themed treats provided by Sandi Gunderson. The next meeting will be Saturday, March 14th, at 9am. Please consider attending.

1	9:00 a.m.	<b>Divine Worship/Communion</b>
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
2	6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
3	9:00 a.m.	Women's Study
4	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	6:15 p.m.	Fellowship Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service
8	9:00 a.m.	<b>Divine Worship</b>
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
9	6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	8:00 a.m.	Board of Elders
10	9:00 a.m.	Women's Study
11	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	6:15 p.m.	Fellowship Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship Service
14	9:00 a.m.	Christ Lutheran Women
15	9:00 a.m.	<b>Divine Worship</b>
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
16	6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
17	9:00 a.m.	Women's Study
18	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	6:15 p.m.	Fellowship Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship Service
22	9:00 a.m.	<b>Divine Worship</b>
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
23	6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
24	9:00 a.m.	Women's Study
25	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	6:15 p.m.	Fellowship Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship Service
29	9:00 a.m.	<b>Divine Worship</b>
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School

# Lenten Worship Services

We are already two weeks into Lent. This year's Lenten series will focus on the joyful and sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary. The joyful mysteries are remembered on Mondays and Saturdays. The sorrowful mysteries are remembered on Tuesdays and Fridays. Each mystery contains five Scripture readings corresponding to the five decades (sets of ten beads) you see in the necklace picture.

For each of the five decades Roman Catholics are directed to announce the mystery followed by the corresponding scripture reading. If praying 'The Joyful Mysteries' the first decade would be 'The Annunciation' and Luke 1:26-38. The second decade is 'The Visitation' and Luke 1:39-56. They would then pray the Lord's Prayer on the large bead and say ten hail Mary's while meditating about the Scripture verse specific to those ten beads. This is a practice almost everyone has remarked on without really understanding what's happening.



THE PRAYERS OF THE ROSARY



We do not need to be interested in the mechanics of the modern Roman Catholic prayer. What is of great value for all Christians is having some kind of order to daily prayer that focuses on God's Word as opposed to our own unique form of vain repetition. A repetitive list of requests is little different from a bunch of hail Marys.

## The Joyful Mysteries

Mondays and Saturdays

1. The Annunciation	Luke 1:26-38
2. The Visitation	Luke 1:39-56
3. The Nativity	Luke 2:4-15
4. The Presentation	Luke 2:22-39
5. Finding Jesus in the Temple	Luke 2:41-51

It is James who wrote, "1What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?b 2You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions"

What we focus our mind on as we pray is important. I believe all modern Christian churches both Catholic and Protestant have lost something associated with these mysteries. I speak broadly and specifically of the joyful and sorrowful mysteries. Each joyful mystery actually relates to a corresponding sorrowful mystery. All five readings joyfully lifted up in prayer on Monday are connected to the five Scripture readings meditated about on Friday. **The connection between sorrow and joy is what we miss.** It's why so many fail to embrace all of God's Word. We want what comes easy. We want Easter without Lent. We want a risen Lord without a crucified Lord. We want forgiveness without a sacrifice.

One way we might come to embrace all of God's Word is to actually think about it. We should be in the Word daily. Yet, the content of my daily reading is dictated by the book of the Bible I am studying. It's likely the same for you. It is in our prayers that we may daily embrace the completed work of Christ. We can remember how John the Baptist jumped in Elizabeth's belly when Mary, pregnant with our Lord, visited her. The joy of this visit exemplifies our Lord's command to love our neighbor. However, **that same love** is seen when Jesus endured beatings and humiliation as he was scourged by the Roman soldiers. **The love of God was in both places and we must come to see that!** Whether or not this year's Lent series will help remains to be seen. Embracing the fullness of Scripture in prayer has been on my heart. I pray the Holy Spirit will guide us together in such prayer.

