

Our Greatest Needs

What do you really need right now? To answer that question, one must first define what a “need” is. We understand that a “need” is greater than a “want.” If you lack something you want, life goes on just fine. If you lack something you need, that’s a problem. So to correctly answer that question, “What do you really need right now,” ultimately one must understand their greatest problems.

Mankind’s greatest problems are universal. We all live under the curse of sin. That sin makes us utterly helpless in our natural state. Natural man is confused, unable to make sense of life. Left in sin, man is doomed to death, and not just physical death. After one’s heart stops comes another type of death that is infinitely worse, an eternal nightmare.

Lent is the season of the Church Year where we wrestle with our greatest needs. Lent also demonstrates that in Christ, all our greatest needs are met. Here is what the Spirit makes clear this season. If you lack Christ, you have nothing. If you have Christ, you have everything you truly need. Our worship in Lent will follow this pattern:

- Ash Wednesday – A Wholly Humbled Heart
- First Sunday in Lent – A Champion for the Defeated
- Second Sunday in Lent – A Gift for the World
- Third Sunday in Lent – Water for the Thirsty
- Fourth Sunday in Lent – Sight for the Blind
- Fifth Sunday in Lent – Life for the Dead
- The Sunday of the Passion – A Greater Type of King
- Holy Thursday – Blessed Communion
- Good Friday – The Perfect Sacrifice
- Holy Saturday / The Great Easter Vigil – Sabbath Rest

Lenten Quiz

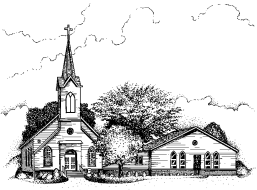
Because Easter has been the high point and most important celebration since the days of the Early Church, it was decided to set aside a period of preparation before celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. That’s why the season of Lent was born. See how much you know about the history and traditions of the Lenten season.

1. When does Lent officially begin?
a) The first Sunday in Lent b) Ash Wednesday c) Maundy Thursday d) Valentines Day
2. Which day is NOT counted as one of the 40 days of Lent?
a) Wednesday b) Friday c) Saturday d) Sunday
3. "Lent" originates from which of these words?
a) “lex” the Latin word for law b) lencten, an old English word for “lengthen” c) “lenctentid,” meaning spring, the month during which Lent always begins
4. What does the 40 day season of Lent help us remember?
a) Jesus’ 40-day fast at the beginning of his ministry b) Moses’ stay on Mount Sinai when he received the Law c) Elijah’s fast on his way to the mountain of God.
5. What is Good Friday?
a) the day Lent ends b) the day Jesus rose from the dead c) the day you can eat meat again d) the day Jesus died
6. What is the official color of Lent?
a) red, the color of blood b) purple, the color of repentance c) blue, the color of hope d) turquoise, the color of turquoise
7. What word or phrase traditionally “goes away” during church in the season of Lent?
a) Praise the Lord b) glorify c) Alleluia d) meat

Answers: 1. B 2. D 3. B 4. A 5. D 6. B 7. C

Congregational News

Church Constitution A committee consisting of Mark and Betty Pamperin, Keith Bartelt, Janet Salzman and Bea Pamperin recently completed going through the church constitution and bylaws, along with the endowment fund guidelines. Everything was compiled into an easy-to-read document and enough copies were printed for every family of Zion (plus some extras for future new members). Those who attended the voters' meeting have already received their copy. The balance of our member families should be receiving one in their church mailboxes soon.



Church Handbook Have you ever wondered if you are able to use the fellowship hall for a family gathering? What are the guidelines for using it? Have you ever wondered what our cemetery guidelines are? Or what about our scholarship fund? There is a place where all these guidelines can be found. A committee has recently completed work on compiling these things in one place. If you're interested, check the church handbook in a white, 3-ring binder on the cabinets in the entryway. Take a look at it. If you need a copy of something, just ask.

Birthday / Anniversary List Have you noticed the birthday / anniversary announcements on the screen on Sunday mornings before church? If you miss them there, you can also find them on the bulletin board. When you see someone whose name is on the list, make it a point to wish them a happy birthday / anniversary!



Sunday School Our teachers report that the attendance has remained pretty steady in these months after Christmas. Parents, thank you for understanding the importance of Sunday School and Christian education by bringing your children. Please however, don't neglect to teach your children that regular worship is just as important. Eventually formal Sunday School and catechism classes end, but being fed by God's Word is a life-long necessity. In other words, if parents teach their children that

worship is not important by not bringing them to church now, statistics show that it's highly unlikely that they will continue with regular worship after school and when they become adults. Stay connected to Jesus and keep your faith strong with regular worship in God's house.

Sign Up to Greet Use our church website – www.zionallenton.org – to sign up to be a greeter for one of our future worship services. Thanks!

Annual Meeting Recap

Elections At the annual meeting on January 30th, Adam Janz and Rick Meier were elected to the church council. Adam takes over the areas of stewardship and endowment and Rick is our new financial secretary. They join Keith Bartelt, Dan Ehlke, Lester Hahn, Jeff Karch, Corey Schulz and John Schulz, who remain in their areas of ministry. These are the leaders who are entrusted with the day to day affairs of our congregation. Please note that these 8 people do not do all the work of the congregation. Often we need volunteers for various things

2023 Budget The proposed 2023 budget was passed. It included a 7 % increase over last year's budget, but only a 2.8% increase over what we received in contributions last year.

Organ Fund Many thanks to those who have responded to the organ fund appeal. The balance between what we have and what is needed is down to \$3070.00. The new organ has been ordered and will take several months to be constructed. If you would still like to contribute to the organ fund, please designate "organ fund" on an envelope and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

KML Korner

Family Music Fest This year's Family Music Fest will be held on Friday,

April 14, 2023. The KML Music Department would like to invite you to join us for a night in "The Wild Wild West." As in the past, we hope to include many of your church and school performance groups as well as individual and small group performances. As usual, the information regarding registration to join us for Family Music Fest will be sent out sometime in January or February. If you have any questions before then, please contact Nate Amundson (nate.amundson@kmlhs.org). We look forward to seeing you in April out of the plains of "The Wild Wild West!"



KML Gala We invite you to join us at KML to experience *An Evening in Paris* on **Saturday, April 22, 2023** - a night filled with all the romance, delicious food, and charm that beautiful Paris offers. Enjoy food, fellowship, games, and live and silent auctions as the KML gym is transformed into the City of Light and Love.

Proceeds benefit the *Let's Grow Together* campaign and the student assistance fund. Register today at kmlhs.org/gala. The deadline to register is April 2nd.

As always, we could use some volunteers, sponsorships and donations to make KML's *An Evening in Paris* gala a success! There are lots of openings and wish list items to be filled. Sign up to volunteer and / or donate at kmlhs.org/galavolunteer.

Invitations & Coming Events

Job Opening at New Beginnings A Home for Mothers in Milwaukee, WI (the daughter ministry of Christian Life Resources in Richfield, WI) has an immediate opening for a Home Manager. The position of Home Manager is a full-time, hired position assigned to oversee the day-to-day operations of New Beginnings. For questions, interest, or more information, contact Madison Schulz, Interim Executive Director, by phone (414-376-0595) or by email (madisons@homeformothers.com).

OWLS Meeting Our March meeting of Flyway OWLS (Chapter 77) will be held on March 14 beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac. Our speaker will be Zachary Satorius. Zachary is a senior at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. His vicar year (3rd year) was spent in Medellin, Colombia, among mainly Spanish-speaking people. He had many interesting experiences while in Medellin. Come and hear about his time as a vicar in a country of South America.

We take a free will offering at each meeting to pay any expenses we may incur locally such as our speakers and support for the European Civilian Chaplaincy program. If you have any questions, contact Stefanie Gutermann at 920-583-2166 or gutermann@utilitytool.com

Camp Bird for Lutherans Registration is now open! Camp Bird for Lutherans is a youth camp for children currently in grades 5-8 (entering grades 6-9 in the fall). It is located near Crivitz in Marinette County on Sand Lake. The price for each child is \$175 per week. Swimming, canoeing, boating, hiking, challenge course, kickball, volleyball, archery, arts & crafts, campfires, Bible study, games, camp songs and many other activities are waiting for you this year! Three weeks are available in July: July 2-7; July 9-14; and July 16-21. For more information or to download the registration form, please visit www.campbird.org.

Spring Missions Rally The Dodge – Washington Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Rally is scheduled for **April 15, 2023** at Good Shepherd,



West Bend. Shepherd of the Hills and St John-Newburg are co-hosts. Our speakers will be Stefan and Kathy Felgenhauer. They are both world travelers who have lived and served in many of our mission fields. Born in East Germany, Stefan will tell us of his journey to Christianity and a little about his work as Director for WELS World Missions. Donations for our Working Fund and Seminary food bank will be taken at registration. Most needed items are toilet paper, laundry detergent, non-perishable foods, crackers, cereals, and cash. Babysitting provided upon request.

Travel to Europe in 2025 KML is offering an international education experience in Switzerland, Italy, and France in the summer of 2025. While our hope is to have the majority of the travelers be students, this trip is available to anyone connected to KML. There will be an informational meeting on **Wednesday, March 22**, at 3:00 PM AND 6:00 PM at KML in room 1176. The itinerary, activities, academic opportunities, affordable payment options, and the official opening of enrollment will be discussed at this meeting. RSVP to attend the meeting and view the trip's itinerary at kmlhs.org/europe25. Questions? Contact Miss Emily Chandonnet (emily.chandonnet@kmlhs.org).

WELS & ELS Singles If you have single friends who are members of the WELS or ELS and would like to be on this email list, they can sign up at wels-els-singles.com/subscribe. If you'd like to join the group on facebook, we have over 950 members in our Facebook group, it's a great place to discuss things related to single life. It's also a great spot to ask questions about dating, encourage other people in the singleness, or share things that make you laugh. If you're on Facebook, check us out at



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wels.els.singles>
at wels-els-singles.com/subscribe.

Here are a couple of upcoming events going on with the WELS / ELS Singles Group:

A Single Life to Live - Book Discussion & Author Q&A March 5th and March 19th we plan on an online Book Discussion. Author and WELS Member Hanna Schermerhorn is releasing her book *A Single Life to Live* on February 14. We are planning some book discussions over Zoom and having a Zoom call with the author for some Q&A about the book and what it took to write / publish the book. You're welcome to join in the conversation even if you haven't read it. The Zoom Link is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6239363859>

Napoletana Pizza Night March 11, 5pm Sheboygan, WI

Have you ever wanted to try real pizza made in the traditional style of Naples? Or maybe you have had it before and are craving it? Join us in Sheboygan for the authentic Napoletana Pizza. I do need to make a reservation so RSVP by Tuesday March 7 if you are planning on attending. Questions feel free to message Rachel Fritz rachelfritz@yahoo.com

Appleton Beer Factory June 16, 6pm to 10pm - Appleton, WI
Come out to the Appleton Beer Company for Food & Drinks & mingle with other singles 🍷🍷 More information will be posted when it gets closer.
<https://www.appletonbeerfactory.com>

Weekly Video Chats Day of Week Varies, Usually 7:30PM
A member of our Facebook group has been hosting weekly video chats in the evening, usually 7:30PM, central time. Everyone is welcome to join, though you will need to be a member of our Facebook group to access the room.

