



THE TRINITARIAN

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FROM THE PASTOR

And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Matthew 22:16

They came to Jesus to try to trap Him somehow, so they could get rid of Him. The next question was asked to see if He would trap Himself. They asked Him if it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar. We know Jesus' response as He was given the coin to pay the tax. On the coin was the likeness of Caesar. So He responded with the familiar statement, "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."

It isn't quite tax day yet even though many are getting things in order for filing in a month and a half. So why this text the one picked for this article. Well, it isn't an article about paying taxes even though with the way things are going, we will be paying a lot more it seems. No, it isn't about taxes but of the all so true statement not of Jesus but of those who thought they were so smart in finding a way to trap Jesus.

They, being the religious leaders, sent their disciples along with the Herodians saying: **"Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances."**

They knew that Jesus didn't care who a person was, He looked past that to the individual, to who he or she was and what He should do for them. Jesus looked past the skin pigmentation, past the person's status in life. He wanted to know about the person, the person He was going to the cross to save.

It seems these days that there are so many looking only at the appearance of a person to decide how to deal with them. Black lives matter, Blue lives matter, the right speech matters, the right group matters, so many things to matter except the individual themselves.

No one probably thought it would get to this point where an American wouldn't stand up for the statement, "All men are created equal and endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." It seems many haven't been taught the constitution or have forgotten an individual's right are not granted by anyone else but God.

I guess too many have forgotten what "inalienable" means or did mean if the definition hasn't been changed lately. Merriam-Webster defines it as: incapable of being alienated, surrendered, or transferred. [dictionary.com](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/inalienable): not transferrable to another or not capable of being taken away or denied, and Cambridge: unable to be removed.

Jesus has given us a better way to deal with people, with individuals. He looked to the person and not what came out of his mouth or what shade of brown the skin or what political bent they may have. We should care about a person, as Martin Luther King Jr. said: "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

We should be of the same mindset and to stand up to anyone who doesn't see a person as Jesus did and does. He went to that cross for all, He created all, He loves all, He is looking for us to do the same.

Pastor

ELDERS MESSAGE
THE LOAN

This past week, a radio icon passed on. To his avid listeners, he was a conservative hero and the voice of rational thought crying out in the wilderness of liberal and main stream media (MSM) dogma. Love him or hate him, he renewed an interest in AM radio and talk shows in particular.

To many detractors, he was an arrogant, loud-mouthed right wing goofball. To his advocates, he was just a harmless little fuzz ball' defending and promoting conservative values.

His most favorite duty was to expose the hypocrisy of liberal politicians, academics and especially the MSM. He treated that duty as 'blood sport', taking no prisoners and giving no quarter to his adversaries, which were legion. He said he did battle" With one arm tied behind my back'. His other famous self - description was "Talent on loan from GOD."

That particular statement could be said for all of us. Our intellect, physical attributes and our soul is always 'On loan from GOD' to be used according to His will and plan.

Think about your 'Loan' from GOD. How well are you servicing this' Loan ?'

Humble repentance from sin, true belief in HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST and faith in GOD's mercy are the answers to this question.

PRAYERS WORK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

James R. Wilkes, elder

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA

February 18, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Heithold, Bob Klose, Sandy Klose, Cheryl Sandenaw, Dick Dommers, Jim Wilkes, Cindi Anderson, Vicki Leonard, Bobby Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Allen Burmeister, Glen Schlehuser, Matt Clark, Robyn Luevano

Call to order: 7:00

BIBLE STUDY: About surviving the storm.

MINUTES: Approved

VICE PRESIDENT: The sound portion of our media upgrade, donated in memory of Oscar (Doc) Marquardt, has been completed. We are working out a few glitches but overall comments as to sound quality and hearing ability have been positive. Judah Webb of Firm Step solutions has been the one doing the work. As of this writing he reported that he has the video equipment in hand and hopes to install it next Saturday. He will provide training for all interested parties at that time.

ELDERS: Call to order: 1905; Prayer; Pastor's Report: None; Minutes meeting 14 Jan 20 Approved; Unfinished Business; Elder training –Postponed; Review of attendance lists-Ongoing; Contact members on your lists via telephone , text or email- ongoing; New Business; Thermostat settings- Decrease/increase temp setting walk away; Adjourn: 1920 & Lord's Prayer

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Financial Secretary Report: Total Income: \$ 21,972.05; General Fund: \$ 20,763.44; Special Funds: \$ 1208.61

EVANGELISM: The Evangelism Committee had a meeting on Wednesday February 17th @ 5:30pm. Many good ideas were offered and discussed for outreach within our community and our church. The ideas will be further discussed in the future. Meanwhile it was decided that we will partner with The Concordia University, Chicago Wind Symphony and Sheboygan Lutheran High School Symphonic Band by becoming a Partner Congregation for their "Coast to Coast: Praising Father, Son and Holy Ghost" concert that will be live streamed Friday March 12th @ 7:30pm CST. It is our intention to advertise this event within the community, other churches and our congregation, in order to provide an opportunity for many to view what should be a wonderful concert event, via a link we as a partner will be sent.

It was also decided that we would show the movie "The Passion of the Christ" on March 31st. The viewing will be in the Great Room. We will provide sandwiches, chips, & drinks for the event that will start @ 6:00pm.

TREASURER:

General Fund income as of January 31, 2021 was \$20,763.44 (envelopes & loose plate); expenses were \$20,475.54; profit of \$287.90.

EDUCATION: The Youth Group met on Valentine's Day for a pizza party. We will be having a Movie Night sometime in March. We were wondering about the possibility of having a Potato Bar fund raiser like we have done in the past sometime in March? We are still waiting on more information on when school starts to decide on the Higher Things Youth conference this summer.

Sunday School is going well.

We have started a new bible study with some of the women that don't have a lot of extra time to meet weekly. We will be meeting once a month.

TRUSTEE:

1. Problem has surfaced with the furnace filters – they are plugging up, MGS installed additional filters to try and determine source.
2. Lewis patched areas of ceiling in Youth Room – great job
3. Started work on cabinet in Youth Room. Have removed sink and plumbing to sink. Looking at moving the TV to that area with current cabinets for storage and possible short shelf under TV. Will discuss with Andersons.
4. Ongoing or new projects
 1. Need to clean HVAC ducting in Sanctuary
 2. Need to add drip watering system to front flower bed
 3. Sink and cabinet will be removed and replaced with shelving
 4. Vent in Youth Room bathroom will be modified to vent into attic and current vent pipe on roof will be removed and the roof patched
5. Mr. Grunow has suggested that several repairs need to be made to organ. We agree with some of his proposals but some are not recommended. We have some other repairs we would like made. Will send information to Mr. Grunow outlining repairs we would like him to look at.

STEWARDSHIP: "Let all things be done decently and in order." 1 Corinthians 14:40

Upon the death of Oscar Marquardt, a total of \$2,545.00 were given in his memory. The family expressed their desire to provide a new sound system for the church. Estimates were obtained and it was decided that FIRM STEP SOLUTIONS would do the job.

- The cost was \$13,088.00 total

- Memorials \$2,545.00
- Balance for the family \$10,543.00

The work is in progress.

A new laptop computer was needed for the treasurer. We had \$870.00 in memorial funds from Suse Lehmann, Rev. William Stewart, and Don Gressman available for the purchase. One was ordered from DELL for \$701.04 on Bob Klose's credit card. The church reimbursed him for this amount. When the computer was delivered it was not what was needed. Bob returned the computer and received credit on his account. He then went to Staples and purchased the laptop that was needed for the treasurer. The computer from Staples cost \$579.99. The remaining balance of \$121.05 was returned to Trinity. This leaves a balance of \$290.10 in the memorial funds. Don Gressman \$279.00 and Rev. William Stewart \$20.10.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Sound System is installed! ; Synod Convention postponed; Mystery Check Solved!

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Synod Covid Survey: Assigned to Head Elder for action.
2. Musical Film Night: We could show a musical to the youth group. The Music Man. The Sound of Music. The King and I.

Lord's Prayer

Meeting adjourned: 7:40

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LENTEN SERIES – 2021 “ A CALL TO RETURN”

GENERAL INTRODUCTION: In the Book of Joel, the prophet paints a vivid picture of the coming judgment of God, the Day of the Lord. The imagery is bold and terrifying: hordes of locusts swarming over the land and decimating everything. Joel's prophecy has teeth even today as wars rage, natural disasters threaten and destroy, and our culture seems to be unraveling. But right in the middle of this frightening portent, we find a tender invitation from the Lord: "Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster" (Joel 2:13). God's invitation and promise finds its fullness in Jesus Christ, who personifies and accomplishes all that God declares. During this season of Lent, we will consider the theme "Return to the Lord" and examine how the call to return played out in practical ways for the people who walked alongside Christ as He demonstrated and carried out God's grace and mercy on our behalf, taking God's wrath upon Himself, setting the stage for God to "turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him" (Joel 2:14). Each sermon in this series focuses on a particular event in the Passion, with a special focus on the people involved in the event. Studying the events and people helps to connect the hearers with Series Introduction Return to the Lord © 2020 Concordia Publishing House. Scripture: ESV®. 3 their own sinful nature, to emphasize how we have turned away from the Lord, and to reinforce and rejoice in God's call for us to return to Him with all our heart.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The sound portion of our media upgrade, donated in memory of Oscar (Doc) Marquardt, has been completed. We are working out a few glitches but overall comments as to sound quality and hearing ability have been positive. Judah Webb of Firm Step solutions has been the one doing the work. As of this writing he reported that he has the video equipment in hand and hopes to install it before the end of February. He will provide training for all interested parties once the entire system is installed.

As requested by the elders, an usher will be stationed at the doors to the sanctuary to greet and assist attendees with seating if needed.

Bob Klose, Vice-President

EVANGELISM

COME TO A VIRTUAL CONCERT!!!! On Friday, March 12th at 7:30pm CST (6:30 our time) **Concordia University Chicago** partnering with **Sheboygan Lutheran High School Symphonic Band**, will present a coast-to-coast virtual concert event entitled **“From Coast to Coast: Praising Father, Son, and Holy Ghost”**.

Trinity has partnered with these organizations to promote and sponsor this event. It is the intention of the Evangelism Committee to promote this concert not just within our own church, but also community wide.

Please mark this date on your calendars and plan to attend either at the church or by a virtual link. More details will be coming in the future so be sure to watch your weekly service bulletins.

Also mark your calendars for March 31st (the day before Maundy Thursday) at 6:30pm. On that date the Evangelism Committee will be sponsoring dinner and a movie. The dinner will be deli sandwiches, chips, a drink, and desert. The movie will be Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ". If you have never seen this movie, be advised that a) it contains very graphic imagery of the abuse and suffering Jesus sustained for us in the events leading up to and during His crucifixion, and b) it is not spoken in English so you have to read the conversations. (this is not be appropriate for young children) There is a signup sheet posted in the Narthex. Please let us know if you will be attending so we know how much food to purchase.

NOTE: THERE IS PLENTY OF ROOM FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING IN THE GREAT ROOM & IF MANY WANT TO ATTEND, THE MOVIE CAN BE SHOWN IN THE SANCUTUARY.

If anyone is interested in joining the Evangelism Committee, we welcome you to do so! We meet at the church at 5:30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Finally, in these hard times please remember these words from Isaiah 41:10. "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Yours in Christ,
Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chairman

STEWARDSHIP

Dear Friends of Trinity,

In 2 Corinthians, Paul encourages the Corinthians to follow the example of the Macedonian Christians who, though poor and distressed themselves, give generously to the Christians in Jerusalem. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 8:7 NIV "But just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in the grace of giving."

Jesus shared with the disciples a perfect example of the grace of giving. You all know the story of the widow's mites. (Luke 21: 1-4 & Mark 12: 41-44). In Mark 12: 43-44, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything – all she had to live on."

Do we have the "grace of giving?" We all know that everything we have is given to us by the grace of God.

We don't know if or when our resources – financial, emotional, mental or spiritual might come to an end. When struggles come (and they do!) we are not alone because the Lord is always watching. In our time of need, we can remember the widow who so blessed the Lord. She laid everything she had at His feet. She left with everything she needed, her hand in His!

During these stressful and difficult times, I feel we all need to give all our cares and fears to Jesus, then put our hand in His and trust Him to take care of us.

God's Blessings

Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chairperson

LAUD & HONOR ON PALM SUNDAY

The Palm Sunday anthem "All Glory, Laud and Honor" is one of Christendom's oldest hymns. St Theodulf of Orleans, who helped reform the church under Charlemagne, wrote the lyrics in the year 820 while imprisoned in France.

The lyrics recount Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and event the medieval church reenacted every Palm Sunday. Clergy and townspeople processed from fields through the city gates, behind a Jesus figure riding a donkey. At the gates, children began singing the hymn in Latin – *Gloria, laus et honor* – and onlookers soon chimed in.

City gates may be a thing of the past, as the website Hymnary.org notes, yet we still praise our blessed Redeemer "because we know just what kind of King He was and is – an everlasting King who reigns not just in Jerusalem but over the entire earth. What more could we do but praise Him with glory, laud and honor."

All glory, laud and honor to you, Redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming,
The King and Blessed One.

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YOUTH AND EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Join us for Sunday School! Just a reminder that we have Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9:00 for everyone. The adult class meets in the fellowship hall. The youth (middle school and up) meet in the youth room and elementary age kids meet in the first Sunday School room. We hope you will join us!

POTATO BAR LUNCH: The Youth Group will be hosting a Potato Bar Lunch on March 14 after the worship service. We will have delicious baked potatoes with all the fixings and desserts! Donations will be accepted to support youth group activities. The Youth Group appreciates all your support!

LWML REACHES 2019-2021 MISSION GOAL!

Sing the Doxology, "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!" The LWML, by God's grace, has **reached the mission goal of \$2.1 million set for the 2019-2021 biennium.** This means that all mission grants selected for this biennium can be funded! God has great plans for spreading His Gospel story through those ministries. He has great plans for the 2021-2023 mission grants as well. Of the 65 completed mission grant submissions, 34 were selected for the 2021 LWML Convention ballot and approved by the LWML Board of Directors (BOD) and Presidents Assembly in January.

LWML Treasurer Karla Koehler wrote, "We thank God for the many women and men who have generously shared their material blessings so that the LWML can share the love and forgiveness of Christ!" Let the trumpets sound and the cymbals crash, in praise to the Lord!

EVENTS

A BIG THANK YOU to all of you that supplied items and those that made purchases to make this a SUCCESSFUL Valentine Extravaganza to raise funds for LWML & Mites.

MARCH 13, Saturday, LWML Trinity Spring Workshop 10a.m. Due to restrictions, our Zone will not be hosting Our Annual Spring Workshop in person or by zoom. Look forward to fellowship in our Great Room, with Bible study, and ingathering project, and YWR / Mite collections. More details to come.

UPCOMING EVENTS

INGATHERING – March Project will be collecting gently used purses filled with “goodies” for personal care to be given to women at COPE. Suggested items will be posted on Narthex bulletin board.

REMEMBER: You can get all kinds of information, resources, bible studies, devotions, support by going to the LWML website: LWMLRMD.org.

DISTRICT MISSION GRANTS 2020-2021

Introducing Muslims to the Savior — Lutheran Heritage Foundation - Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) supports the mission of the LCMS – bringing Christ to the lost. Fifty countries in the world have a Muslim majority, and LHF is at work in 14 of them. However, because Arabic is spoken around the world, materials from LHF have the potential to reach into Islamic regions where there are few or no active Lutheran missions. These translations are also needed here in the United States. In addition to Bibles, pastors use other resources, such as Luther’s Small Catechism, hymnals, devotions, etc. to teach the Gospel. Many of these books only cost \$5 to translate into languages like Arabic, Farah, Bahasa Indonesian, or Kazakh. This grant would help LHF supply pastors and missionaries with over 1,000 of these Lutheran books translated in the languages of our Christian Brothers and sisters around the world. Grant amount: \$5,000

NATIONAL MISSION GRANTS 2019-2021

Music Outreach, Classes, and Resources on the Border - Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care, El Paso, Texas – Grant \$98,400

The ministry of YLMHC impacts the lives of 400-500 students with educational programs, classroom space, and equipment. For the past 17 years YLMHC’s music ministry has proven successful in reaching out to the unchurched by witnessing to the mercy and grace of Christ. The Adelante Ministries offers music classes and leadership training to youth and adults while it also provides service to the church and community. Through involvement in this music program, many students have come to faith in Christ. This grant will enable YLMHC to better equip their classroom and rehearsal space so they can serve and teach a larger range of students. It will also allow them to adapt existing space for music instruction, purchase recording equipment, create video tutorials for online instruction, fund a music intern position, and purchase musical instruments for students unable to afford their own.

Yvonne Steeby, Trinity LWML President

Any questions? Contact Yvonne, Bev, Hannah, Christine, Belinda, or Cyndi H. -- *LWML On The Go*, is available through your podcast provider, at lwml.org, and on the LWML App

PAYING IT BACK — AND FORWARD

During the pandemic, acts of kindness seemed especially meaningful. Last spring, as Covid-19 hit Native American communities particularly hard, an interesting transatlantic outreach occurred. Donations from Ireland began appearing in a relief fund for Navajo and Hopi families, leading administrators to suspect the account had been hacked. Then they realized a cross-generational payback was underway.

In 1847, Choctaw Tribe members sent \$170 overseas to Ireland to help with Potato Famine relief. That generosity was never forgotten, and by May 2020, people in Ireland had contributed more than \$4 million toward pandemic

assistance for relatives of people who'd helped their ancestors. Many donors included an Irish proverb meaning "In each other's shadows the people live."

The concept of paying it forward dates back to a 1784 letter by Benjamin Franklin. It also echoes Jesus' Golden Rule: "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31). How might you live out this practice today?

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**PURSES OF HOPE FOR COPE
(Center of Protective Environment)
LWML Mission Project for March**

Women fleeing from domestic abuse and appealing to COPE for help, frequently leave their homes with nothing but the clothes on their backs. A purse full of needed hygiene supplies and comfort items are a blessing.

Needed are new or gently used purses. The bigger the better to hold many items. Suggested items are below, but be creative add things you feel a woman might need. The LWML will provide a devotion book for each purse. You are encouraged to insert a personal note to your donated purse.

TOILETRIES

Shampoo/Conditioner	Body Wash
Perfume	Tampons/Pads
Feminine Wipes	Eyeshadow
Lipstick/Lipgloss/Chapstick	Body/Face Lotion
First Aid Kit	

OTHER ITEMS

A book you love
Journal
Pens/Pencils
Adult coloring book

Put purses and other items on the tables in the Great Room. If you would like to donate money for the devotion booklets, give the donation to Chris Schlehuser our LWML Treasurer.

THANK YOU

From Sandra Freund at the Pregnancy Help Center and from me, the church coordinator, thank you ALL for your contributions to the Baby Bottle Campaign. We won't know the total for our church for about 6 weeks. I will let you know when I find out. Thanks for your caring and generosity. Hannah

WHEN GOD GIGGLES

Before dinner, our family was preparing to pray, which we do by holding hands. Upon discovering that one child hadn't washed his hands, my husband struck a contorted pose to avoid physical contact. The mealtime blessing quickly dissolved into laughter as we each peeked at him. asked, "What do you imagine God thought about us laughing during prayer? One child quickly replied, "I think he was laughing right along with us."

Yes! Although prayer is reverent, God invites us to converse with words, emotions – even giggles!

--Janna Firestone

JELLY BEANS

Red is for the blood He gave,
Green is for the grass He made,
Yellow is for His sun so bright,
Orange is for the edge of night,
Black is for the sins we made,
White is for grace He gave,
Purple is for His hours of sorrow,
Pink is for our new tomorrow.
May every day be Easter in your heart.
May the Joy you feel on Easter morning
Be the Joy of each day of your life.

MARCH 2021 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

March 3 Glen Schlehuser
March 7 Matt Clark
March 10 Matt Clark
March 14 Jesse Elkjer
March 17 Jesse Elkjer
March 21 Jim Wilkes
March 24 Jim Wilkes
March 28 Glen Schlehuser

ACOLYTES

March 3 Ryan Sebring
March 7 Reilly Quinn
March 10 Madie Sanchez
March 14 Zac Sanchez
March 17 Ryan Sebring
March 21 Reilly Quinn
March 24 Madie Sanchez
March 28 Zac Sanchez

READERS

March 3 Cheryl Richey/Lisa Collins
March 7 Beverly & Larry Van Duyn
March 10 Shirley Enyeart/Ruth Wilkes
March 14 Lisa Collins/Lewis Thomas
March 17 Yvonne Steeby/Dick Dommers
March 21 Lola Ableidinger/Susan Kelly
March 24 Cheryl Richey
Mary Leslie Schmitt
March 28 Louis Mauriot/Matt Anderson

MARCH FLOWERS

March 7 Gerald & Gayan Moore
Matt & Jill Clark
March 14 Wilma Jaecks
March 21 Henry & Rosanne Wehmeyer
March 28 Jim & Hannah Keeler

MARCH ATTENDANCE

Bekah Clark

USHERS

Mar. 7 Tom Blackmon, Larry & Bev Van Duyn
Mar. 14 Matt Anderson Marvin Bunker,
John Marquardt
Mar. 21 Ray Krueger, Robert Johnson,
Bob Thede, Trey Johnson
Mar. 28 Gerald Moore, Bob & Sandy Klose

HOSTS

March 7 Cyndi Heithold/Jennifer Sebring
March 14 Jim & Verna Fladhammer
March 21 Robert & Stacy Johnson
March 28 Bob & Sandy Klose

TELLERS

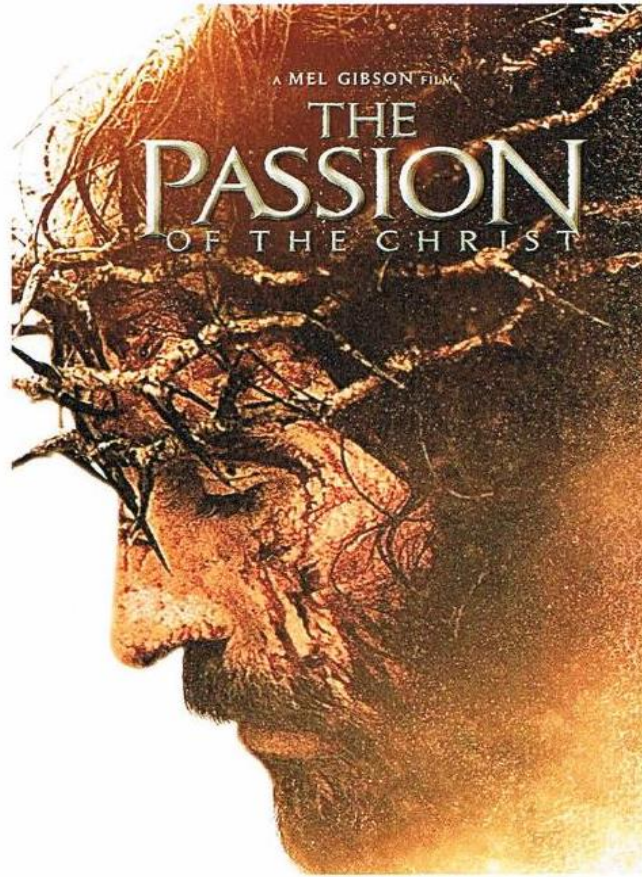
March 3 Susan Kelly/Sandy Klose
March 7 Bob Klose/Joyce Macon
March 10 Yvonne Steeby/Becky Worley
March 14 Shirley Enyeart/Patty Quinn
March 17 Megan Bowman/Dick Dommers
March 21 Cheryl Sandenaw
Linde Van Cleave
March 24 Lola Ableidinger/Nora Sotak
March 28 Susan Kelly/Sandy Klose

MARCH ALTAR COMMITTEE

Robin Haymes
Vicki Leonard



"A letter from the EPA, sir. Your fiery sermons are contributing to Global Warming."



Come watch The Passion of the Christ in the Great Room on Wednesday, March 31 at 6:30 pm. A light supper will be provided.

Presented By: The Evangelism Committee