

## “Transformed by Christ”

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,  
the new creation has come:  
The old has gone, the new is here!*  
2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world,  
but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.  
Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is  
— his good, pleasing and perfect will.*  
Romans 12:2 NIV

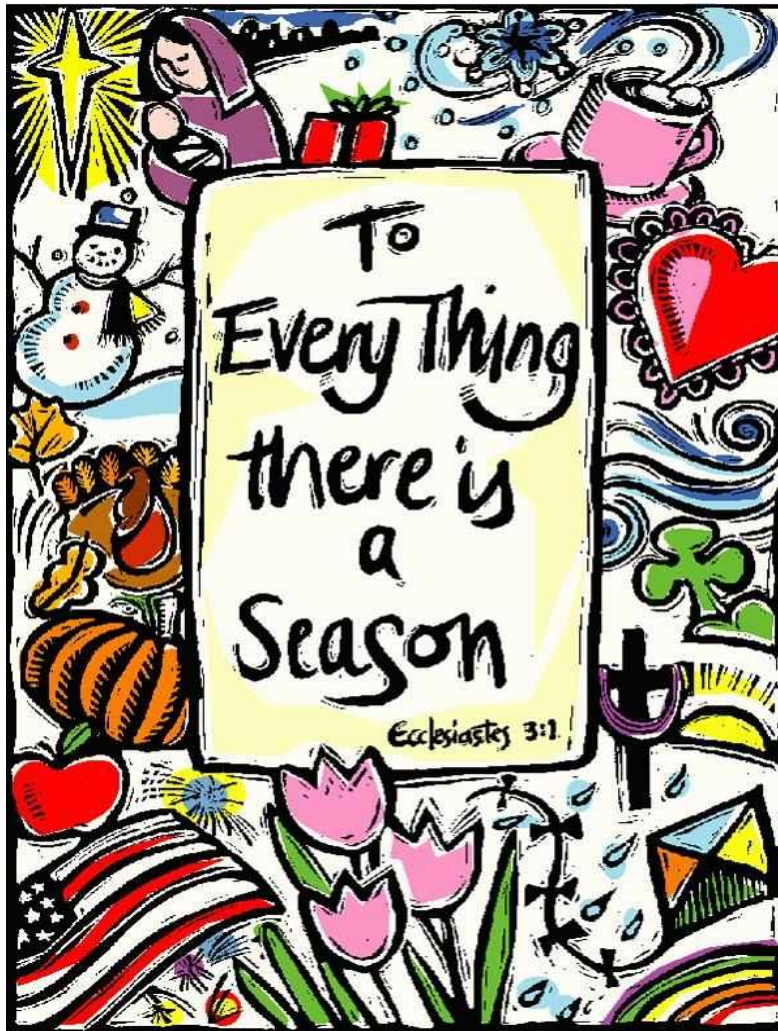
### From the Pastor

The Apostle John put his hand to the pen to write his witness testimony. According to John the purpose was single-minded.

<sup>30</sup> *Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.* <sup>31</sup> *But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

**That you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God with the result that by believing you may have life in His Name.** John's single purpose was to bring about a life transforming faith. That you experience the truth and that the truth set you free by believing.

Theologically rich, full of deep meaning, displaying a life lived that was deeply transformed by Jesus, reflecting on and writing selectively what was significant to simply point you to



## The Joyful Noise

Jesus. John's writing is different in form than Matthew's and Mark's and Luke's. John includes many events the other's don't have and excludes some major events the other three contain. What this means is that John adds a depth of understanding and meaning to our Christian faith by relating events in a manner to show very explicitly Jesus is Divine, Son of God, come in human flesh, to be the perfect sacrifice that redeems.

I invite you to plan to be present each time we gather in worship. I invite you to be present on Sunday mornings. I invite you to be present on Ash Wednesday, Thursdays of Lent, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and the Sunday's of Easter. Each time we will hear another part of John's Testimony.

I encourage you to invite a friend to come with you. Thursdays in Lent with soup supper than worship with special drama's are an excellent open heart time to bring your friend. As the soup warms your tummy, let the Gospel of John warm your heart and by God's grace you will the means of another coming to Believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. You be present, you bring your friend. God will do the rest.

Peace,  
Pastor Jeff

**Prayer Moment:**

*Penitential Prayer of St. Ambrose of Milan*

O Lord, who hast mercy upon all,  
take away from me my sins,  
and mercifully kindle in me  
the fire of thy Holy Spirit.  
Take away from me the heart of stone,

and give me a heart of flesh,  
a heart to love and adore Thee,  
a heart to delight in Thee,  
to follow and enjoy Thee,  
for Christ's sake, Amen.

*St. Ambrose of Milan (AD 339-397)*

**Ash Wednesday Worship February 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 P.M.**

Holy Communion will be celebrated, along with the ancient Rite of the Imposition of Ashes. These ashes, produced by burning the palm branches from our past year's Palm Sunday, are "imposed in the shape of a cross upon the forehead of each worshiper." As the imposition takes place, the sobering words "***Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return***" are spoken, reminding us of our mortality and limited lifetime here on earth.

**Walking in the Word – Tuesday Night  
Bible Study**

**February 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>  
at 7 P.M.**

The Wall of Jerusalem has been rebuilt. Now turn your eyes to the Lord and hear the Word of God as Ezra reads to all the assembled people from the Holy Word of God, the Book of the Law of Moses.

**We conclude by 8:15 p.m.**



**Walking in the Word**

## Children's Sunday School

We are traveling down Route 66! Beginning at Genesis we'll work our way down the road through the 66 books of the Bible. We have now reached the New Testament! Join the travel through God's Holy Word.



Moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas, great-grandma and great-grandpas, these intentional times of discipling will nurture the FAITH of those entrusted to your care. Make a Sunday morning faith commitment for you and your family! Attend Sunday School and Worship together.

*Train a child in the way he should go,  
and when he is old he will not turn from it.*

Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

## Discipleship

- ! Learn what Jesus taught - Study the Scriptures of Old and New Testament.
- ! Do what Jesus taught - Live what you have learned from the Scriptures
- ! Spread what Jesus taught - Go and make disciples of All Nations.



## Listen Online to a Sunday Sermon Message

Sunday Sermon messages are recorded and made available for listening on our Website: [www.ficlc.net](http://www.ficlc.net) The link to the message archive is found on the Pastor page.



This is a great opportunity to hear again the Word Preached and also a great opportunity to share the Word Preached with a friend at work or anywhere you have access to the internet. The Lord can bring a blessing and draw another to Faith in Christ.

## Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thank you for all who have designated Faith In Christ to receive their Thrivent Choice Dollars. During 2015 Thrivent Choice Dollars in the amount of \$1,867.00 were received by Faith in Christ. If you have not designated all of your 2015 Thrivent Choice Dollars, you have until March 31, 2016 to designate them.

You may also designate your 2016 Thrivent Choice Dollars.



## 2015 Annual Reports

Additional 2015 Annual Reports are available in the church office.

## Maundy Thursday

**March 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM**

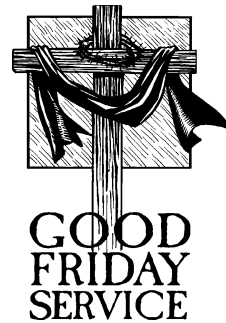
Maundy Thursday worship service with Holy Communion. The service will conclude with the stripping of the altar.



## Good Friday

**March 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM**

Good Friday worship service will be contemplative.



## Resurrection Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup>

- 7:30 am Celebration Worship – Worship with Holy Communion
- 9 :00 am Easter Breakfast begins serving
- 9:45 am Easter Egg hunt begins - (get ready at 9:35 am.)
- 10:15 am Celebration Worship – Worship with Holy Communion

## Ministry Opportunity:

Faith in Christ Lutheran Church is assembling a ministry team to share God's Word through dramas during the Lenten Season in 2016. The dramas are based on the Gospel of John and will be presented Thursday evenings on February 18, 25, March 3, 10, 17, and on Sunday morning April 3.



There is a need for actors and actresses, singers, sound/light crew, stage crew, film crew, etc. You may volunteer for as few or as many dramas as you wish. The Thursday evening Teen Servants will be helping with the dramas but we need much more help. Practices will be held on Thursday evenings beginning January 7 from 5:30 - 7:30. (Dinner will be served each evening from 6:15 - 6:45 with TNT.)



If you would like to share God's Word through drama, please contact David Hare at 324-2464. Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**John 20: 30-31**



**February 7<sup>th</sup> is  
Transfiguration Sunday.**



This is the Sunday that we say “good-bye to Alleluia” and prepare to say “Hello to Lent” on Ash Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. The word “Alleluia” will not be used again during worship until our joy returns at Christ’s Easter victory.



Loyal Followers of-Christ - (LFC)

Will meet February 5<sup>th</sup>, 12 Noon, in the Bay Breeze Restaurant, Newcomers are always welcome. The next meeting will be at the same time, in the same place on March 4<sup>th</sup>.



Women of Today - Will meet at 3:00 p.m. Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Quick’s home, and again on March 21<sup>st</sup>. The location of the meetings may change so watch your e-mail and bulletins for the location.

Calling all Bakers . . .

Attention all of you great FIC cooks - male or female....The WinS group of FIC is putting together a bake sale to be held here at FIC on March 15<sup>th</sup> - Primary Election Day. We need volunteers to prepare all kinds of baked goods - cookies, candies, cakes, pies, breads, etc. This is **NOT** just for the women of the church, as we know there are some male bakers in our midst. More details to follow or contact any of the WinS officers. All proceeds will go to the Fellowship Hall Improvement Fund.



Looking ahead.....it’s a little early to start planning for this yet, but wanted to let everyone know that we will be having a **Chili Luncheon/Supper on Election Day, November 8<sup>th</sup>**. So, mark your calendars now!



Come and join your Church Family  
for our annual  
Lenten Soup Suppers

Each Thursday  
during Lent Beginning February 18th!

Meals will be held starting February 18<sup>th</sup> and every  
Thursday thru March 17<sup>th</sup> . The schedule for each evening  
will be as follows:

5:30	Guitars & TS
6:00	TNT
6:15	Meal
7:00	Lenten Worship Service

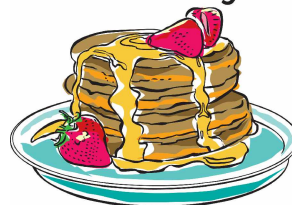
Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex asking for volunteers  
to provide soups and desserts each week.

## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

The Confirmation Class and the Teens will be  
serving pancakes  
on

Shrove  
Tuesday

Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 - 7:00 pm!



Come enjoy some scrumptious pancakes,  
sausage links, applesauce, and drinks!

Bring your family and friends! It's all FREE!  
There will be great entertainment for you  
to enjoy too!



- Feb 5 Loyal Followers of Christ Mtg. @Bay Breeze
- Feb 7 Scouts Sunday- Luncheon @FIC For All  
Parish Nurse Day
- Feb 9 Shrove Tuesday Dinner @ FIC/Feed IHN
- Feb 10 Ash Wednesday Worship
- Feb 12 BUDs' Sleepover @Hares
- Feb 15 President's Day/Church Office Closed  
Women of Today Meeting
- Feb 18 First Lenten Soup Dinner & Worship
- Feb 25 Lenten Dinner & Worship
- Feb 27 Scout - Blue & Gold Banquet @FIC
- Feb 28 Clarabelle's "96" Birthday Party
- Mar 4 Loyal Followers of Christ Meeting
- Mar 6 Bible Bowl Competition  
Prayer Partners Mtg./Parish Nurse Day
- Mar 8 Victorian Village Condo Mtg. @ FIC
- Mar 10 Lenten Dinner & Worship
- Mar 15 Election Day @FIC
- Mar 18 Lenten Dinner & Worship
- Mar 20 Palm Sunday
- Mar 19 Scout Pinewood Derby @ FIC
- Mar 21 Women of Today Mtg.
- Mar 24 Maundy Thursday Worship
- Mar 25 Good Friday Worship
- Mar 27 **EASTER**
- April 10 "THE TRIAL"