

# MARCH 22, 2020

## WELCOME TO OUR DIGITAL LOVE NOTES!

Since much of our communication in the coming weeks will be via email, please be sure to let us know if your email address changes so we can update our records to allow us to keep in touch.

# Bible Study Opportunities – Join Us for Our New Online Format (more info below)

**Today:** Triumph of Grace – Book of Romans Bible Class @ 9:00 am (Zoom Video Conferencing)

Monday: CAP Class @ 6:30 pm (Zoom Video Conferencing)

**Wednesday:** Titus Bible Study @ 8:30 am (Zoom Video Conferencing)

# In My Daily Prayers

**TAYLOR JESKE**—recovering from surgery

**PAM NEUBAUER**—and her friend Diane Tranberg who are both seeking successful treatments for multiple myeloma

**COVID-19 SITUATION**—for a vaccine, health, healing, comfort, calm, caregivers, public leaders, & communities

**WEE LOVE LEARNING CENTER**—We pray that the Lord of the Church would provide us with a willing and qualified candidate to serve in our aftercare supervision role in the new year.

**BRAZILIAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**—Partnering in the gospel since 1987, this now self-supporting church body of two congregations and one preaching station is a mission partner of our Latin America Missions team. *Prayer example below.* 

#### THIS WEEK

Today	Family Worship (available to view on our YouTube channel any time after 8:00 am)		
	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study (Zoom)	
Monday	6:30 pm	CAP Class (Zoom)	
Tuesday	3:00 pm	Bible Information Class (online)	
	6:00 pm	Bible Information Class (online)	
Wednesday	8:30 am	Titus Bible Study (Zoom)	
		Confirmation Class (online; to be determined)	
Midweek Lenten Worship (available to view online after 6:30 pm -			
watch your email for further details on this week's worship)			
Sunday	Family Worship		
	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study (Zoom)	

THIS WEEK'S ENDURING FAITH LESSON—Our Sunday School families will receive today's lesson via email. Parents are invited to work through the lesson as a family.

**PASTORAL VISITS**—During this timeframe in which our nation and country is striving to slow the COVID-19 outbreak, Pastor Pries and Pastor Backus do not intend to make any casual face-to-face visits. However, your pastors are available and eager to serve you via phone or video conference. If a situation arises in which a face-to-face pastoral visit is desired, that can be arranged on an individual basis as well. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to serve you.

**SUBSCRIBE TO ETERNALLOVEAPPLETON ON YOUTUBE**—During this time of social distancing, we've chosen youtube.com to be the main repository of our communication, devotional, and worship videos. Please click the hyperlink above in this pdf and subscribe. Subscribing will help you in that you will get notifications of the latest posted videos. Subscribing will help us as a church build a stronger YouTube presence, and hopefully unlock more features for us with which we can serve you with the gospel more.

FOLLOW @ETERNALLOVELUTHERAN—Facebook remains our only social media account that we use regularly as a congregation. We recommend that in order to stay as connected as possible, that you make sure you like and follow our church page. You can click the hyperlink in this pdf to do so. Also, at the top of the page make sure you select; "See first" in your news feed, so that you won't miss any communications that might otherwise get lost in Facebook's newsfeed generation algorithm.

**COVID19@ETERNAL-LOVE.ORG**—Petr Eliseev, our Stewardship Ministry Director, has assembled a small team to offer help to those in our community who might be struggling during this time of social distancing during the coronavirus outbreak. This email address is posted on our digital roadside church sign, inviting people to email if they need help. The intent is to provide help for spiritual and physical needs as we are able. If you are interested in being part of the team of volunteers to support this effort, please reach out to him at <a href="mailto:stewardship.director@eternallove.org">stewardship.director@eternallove.org</a>.

### OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR IN-HOME WORSHIP—

- Local Time of Grace broadcast on Green Bay-Appleton WGBA-NBC 26 (Saturday nights at 12:00 am or Sunday mornings at 6:30 am)
- National Time of Grace broadcast on The Cowboy Channel (Sundays at 8:00 am) or Daystar TV Network (Sundays at 3:30 pm)
- Trinity Lutheran (Kaukauna) radio broadcast on WEMI 91.9 FM (Sundays at 7:30 am)
- St. Paul Lutheran (Appleton) radio broadcast on WNAM 1280AM (Sundays at 8:00 am)

**PRAYER FOR THE BRAZILIAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**—Holy Spirit, Counselor and Guide, we ask for your continued blessings on the national pastors, evangelists, and WELS volunteer missionary as they serve part of your flock in Brazil. According to your will, continue to give spiritual and numerical growth to our sister congregations, "Jesus, the Savior" and "Star of Bethlehem." Through your Word and sacrament, lead them forward in the grace of Jesus. Amen.

**APPLE VALLEY FOOD PANTRY**—While we are not assembling for worship, we are still planning to take donations to the pantry next month. Donations can be dropped off at church by Sunday, April 5. We hope you will continue to support the pantry during this difficult time, either with food donations or monetary donations which will be used to purchase food supplies to continue helping those in need. Here is the list of items currently needed:

Cereal, toilet paper and paper towels, canned fruit, cookies, crackers, jam and peanut butter, helper meals, rice and noodle side dishes, boxed potato/mashed potato, pork n beans, pancake mix and syrup, and canned pasta.

If you prefer to give monetary donations, you are welcome to send a check (payable to WELS Apple Valley Food Pantry) directly to:

WELS Apple Valley Food Pantry c/o St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church 129 S. Mason St. Appleton, WI 54914-5246

Thank you for helping the pantry help others in need!

**OFFERINGS**—Please know that though we are not able to worship together in person, Eternal Love is still grateful for your generous offerings. Here are several options to consider:

- Mail your offering to: Eternal Love Lutheran Church, 1011 E. Midway Rd., Appleton, WI 54915.
- Submit an offering through bill pay at your financial institution. Please see your financial institution for any fees and the process for submitting these offerings.
- Electronic offerings through Thrivent Simply Giving® Program (secure direct deposit donation services provided by Vanco Services, LLC). Please contact the church office for the form to fill out and submit. Please also understand that VanCo keeps a service fee of 1.00% of your offering + \$0.45/transaction.
- Electronic offerings via PayPa at <a href="www.eternal-love.org/donate">www.eternal-love.org/donate</a>. Please understand that PayPal keeps a service fee of 2.9% of your offering + \$0.30/transaction.

**FVL SCHOLARSHIP**—The Ladies Guild Memorial Scholarship offers grants of up to \$500 to new FVL freshmen or incoming upperclassmen who demonstrate financial need and a love of Christian education. Application deadline is April 16. Details at fvlhs.org/todays-news.

# CHURCH COUCIL/FINANCIAL UPDATE—

February offerings were significantly below budget, however due to the generous offerings in January, our YTD offerings are right in line with the annual budget. Please note that other than a few punch list items, the building project is complete and the bills have been paid. The existing building fund balance will cover the remaining expenses. At this point, the ongoing mortgage payment is included

	February	YTD (Jul-Feb)
Budgeted Income	\$36,344	\$290,155
Operating Fund Offerings & WeeLove Income Rec'd	\$27,061	\$290,387
Expenses Paid	\$38,700	\$282,156
Building Fund Offerings	\$ 1,705	\$15,747

in the operating budget, so please consider re-designating your building fund offerings to the operating fund instead, to support the loan payments along with our ongoing ministry.

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