



MARK TIMES

March 4, 2018 + Third Sunday in Lent



From Your Pastor...

Next Saturday we are honored to welcome the Rev. Dr. Ralph Klein, esteemed professor *emeritus* of Old Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology since 1983 and curator of the seminary's rare books collection. He will deliver the 11th Lynn Schaaf Memorial Lecture on the topic, "*Reformation Roots: Rare Books, Reformation Medallions, and Luther.*" He will offer a presentation coupled with slideshow about how the rare books in LSTC's collection increase our understanding of the Protestant Reformation. This includes illustrations in the books (woodcuts many of which are hand colored), as well as original copies of the 95 Theses, Luther's translations of the Bible in 1522, the Augsburg Confession, medals issued on Reformation anniversaries, the role of King Henry VIII, and more.



Touring the rare books collection at LSTC was one of the highlights of my time as a student there. It was awe-inspiring to see *in person* (and not even behind glass) these documents and artifacts that played such an important role in one of the most important events in history. Dr. Klein's knowledge and ability to present the materials in a meaningful way made the experience especially memorable. **You will NOT want to miss this opportunity to see his photos and hear his presentation.**

A bittersweet reason to make extra effort to be at this lecture is that this will be the **final lecture** in the Schaaf Memorial Lecture series. I'll say more about this next week, but please make plans to attend. You won't be disappointed.

Pastor Brian

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Brian is on vacation through Tuesday, March 6, and again on Thursday, March 8 and Friday, March 9.

We welcome the Reverend Mark Sidney (retired), a recent addition to our congregation and choir, as our guest preacher and presider this morning, and will be on call in case of pastoral emergency. His number is 618-530-5142.



Food Pantry Spotlight item for March is **canned meats**. SPAM, ravioli, canned chicken – any type of canned meat product is useful! Bring items to the Welcome Area on Sundays or to the church office during the day. Thank you!



Schaaf Lecture '18: "Reformation Roots"

The Schaaf Lecture committee is pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Ralph Klein, professor *emeritus* of Old Testament at LSTC and curator of the seminary's rare books collection. His presentation on "*Reformation Roots: Rare Books, Reformation Medallions and Luther*" is **NEXT Saturday, March 10 at 7:00PM**, followed by a lite reception in the Parish Hall. Dr. Klein will also deliver the sermon that Sunday morning.



Save the Date...

On Saturday, **March 24** an event is planned by the Social/Evangelism committee to raise funds for our local **warming/cooling shelter** at **Trinity Church**. An afternoon of games, snacks, and fellowship is planned. More info to come.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Thru Tues., 3/6		<i>Pastor on vacation</i>
Monday	2:00PM	Fiber Arts @Westfield Manor
Wednesday	7:00P	Lent Evening Prayer
Thurs., 3/8 & Friday, 3/9		<i>Pastor on vacation</i>
	7:00PM	Bell choir rehearsal
	8:00PM	Adult choir rehearsal
Friday	12:10P	Stations of the Cross @ St. Luke's
Friday-Saturday		"Be Like Jesus" at Faith-O'Fallon
Saturday	7:00PM	Schaaf Lecture – church
Sunday, 3/11	9:00A	The Divine Liturgy
	10:20A	Coffee & Fellowship with Dr. Klein
	10:30A	Sunday School

Offerings for February 25, 2018	
Sunday worship attendance:	94
General Fund Donations	\$2,990

Date	Offerings	Expenses	Difference
2/4-2/10	\$3,093	\$40.58	\$3,052.42
2/11-2/17	\$4,247	\$524.71	\$3,722.29
2/18-2/24	\$3,225	\$4,187.05	\$962.05
2/25-3/3	\$2,990	\$8,893.59	-\$5,903.59
YTD	\$23,520.71	\$29,421.83	-\$5,901.12

Midweek Evening Prayer

Join us on Wednesday evenings in Lent at 7:00PM in the church for our evening prayer series, "A Lenten Journey to the Easter Vigil."

Stations of the Cross at 12:10PM each Friday in Lent at St. Luke's Catholic Church.

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Sunday, March 11, 2018

LESSONS:

Numbers 21:4-9
 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
 Ephesians 2:1-10
 John 3:14-21

LOOKING AHEAD

WORSHIP SERVERS

Presider: The Rev. Brian M. Robison
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Ralph Klein
Assisting Minister: Brian Moeller
Acolyte: Grace Moeller
Crucifer: Keith Kniepkamp
Chalice Bearer: Barb Wurdinger
Lector: Jim Montgomery
Ushers: Rex Rothgangel & Jim Montgomery

Confirmation Schedule

The Spring session will continue to cover the books of the Old Testament.

Upcoming class dates:

March 11 March 18 March 25

Thank you from the Jr. & Sr. TURTLES

Thank you to the Fiber Arts group for making the quilt and donating it to the youth for the raffle. It was a great success.

We would also like to those that attended the Valentines dinner. It was great fellowship and a good time was had by all.

A huge thank you to Pastor and Melanie for their help and to the youth parents that participated and for making it all come together.

Franklin School Lunch-Makers are in need of **protein items, chips, and fruit in quantities of 12.**

A sign-up sheet for volunteers is on the counter in the coffee area in the Parish Hall and is for all of the holidays until the end of the school year.



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