

# LIFELINES

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Have you ever thought about how the Old and New Testaments relate? Much of what is talked about in the Old Testament is a type which is fulfilled in the New Testament. A “type” is something like an event or person that is typified or foreshadowed in the Old Testament and then found more complete in Christ in the New Testament. This idea is found in the Bible itself, for example, when Paul writes in Romans 5 that Adam, “...was a type of the one who was to come” and relates how sin entered the world through Adam, but redemption through Christ Jesus who is called the second Adam.

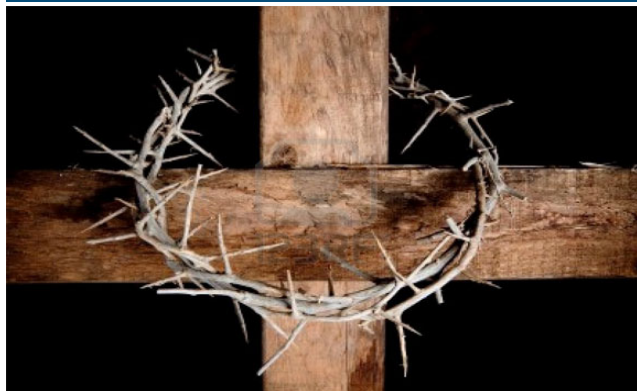
Many examples of this are found throughout the Bible and by studying these types, one gains an understanding of how the Bible fits together as a whole. This Lenten season I want to unpack some of those types for you during our midweek services. I am going to do so on the basis of a series of sermons written about 100 years ago by Rev H.J. Schuh (1851-1934) –a Lutheran Pastor and Seminary president.

Why use something so old? The truth is, I love this period in preaching. If you look at the history of preaching, you can trace several movements and fads that have come and gone over the years. For example, many of Luther’s sermons have great insights into the Scriptures as well as powerful turns of phrase, but in many cases he is also too much a product of his time. He regularly addresses the problems with the pope or some other contemporary issue and his sermons also tend to be long; very long. Other periods in the history of preaching tend to elevate the speech so much that the language is flowery and poetic. In fact, they often end with a poem or hymn verse. I find this style of preaching so off-putting and pretentious that I have often wondered if this was ever effective preaching, even when it was popular in some places in the 50’s and 60’s. Then there are modern sermons which tend to tell story after story. So much time is spent telling stories that the text of the Bible gets completely overshadowed when all the anecdotes are stripped away. Or, at the bottom of all the stories is just some really simple and obvious point.

For some reason, the sermons that really resonate with me are the kind that were prevalent about 100 years ago. The proclamation is textual and didactic (teaching) and it seeks to teach and proclaim deep Scriptural truths. I have often said that at the end of the day, no matter the preacher’s style, what matters most to me in the weighing of a sermon is if it got me into a particular passage of Scripture and got me to weigh it deeply and apply it to my life. This seems to be the same goal of preachers about a century ago, so I have used sermons from that era on many occasions and plan to do so again for Lent. But don’t worry, I won’t simply be reading 100 year old sermons! I suspect if I took them as written, they would be about 20-30 minutes (apparently folks had longer attention spans back then!) I plan to borrow the outline and several points and rewrite the sermons to about half their original size.

I hope you will benefit from these sermons as you join us for midweek worship at Lord of Life throughout the Lenten season beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 14. This year we also plan to have worship services in the early afternoon for those who don’t like to drive at night. I hope you take advantage of this opportunity for worship and use this meditative time to reflect on God’s plan throughout the ages, perfected and fulfilled in Christ Jesus.

Pastor  
Shaltanis



## Midweek Lenten Schedule

### February 14 Ash Wednesday

The Offering up of Isaac, a Type of Christ's Sacrifice

**Genesis 22:1-13**

### February 21 2<sup>nd</sup> Midweek Lent

Joseph, a Type of Christ

**Genesis 41:46-49**

### February 28 3<sup>rd</sup> Midweek Lent

The Passover as a Type of our Redemption

**Exodus 12:3-13**

### March 7 4<sup>th</sup> Midweek Lent

The Burnt offering as a Type of the All-Atoning Sacrifice of Christ

**Leviticus 1:1-9**

### March 14 5<sup>th</sup> Midweek Lent

The High Priest of the Old Testament as a Type of Christ

**Leviticus 8:6-12**

### March 21 6<sup>th</sup> Midweek Lent

The Great Salvation

**Numbers 21:4-9**

### March 29 Maundy Thursday

Jesus Christ as the Bread of Life

**Exodus 16:35**

### March 30 Good Friday Tenebrae

Reading of the Passion from the Four Gospels

This year's theme is based on a series called "Lenten Sermons on Old Testament Types" by Rev. H.J. Schuh 1851-1934. This series was published in: *Lenten Outlines and Sermons by Rev. R.E. Golladay and others.* Lutheran Book Concern, 1920



## Potluck Luncheon

**February 11, noon**



Please bring your favorite New Orleans/Cajun dish to share as we celebrate before the beginning of Lent.

Look for details in the bulletin.



# Teen Times

## Sr. IMPACT Invites You to Dinner!

*Happy Valentine's Day!*

*Join us Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 5:30 pm*

❖ APPETIZER ❖

*Antipasti (special variety of meats, cheeses, and olive medley)*

❖ MAIN COURSE ❖

*Seasoned Smoked Turkey Breast, Scalloped Potatoes,  
Green Bean Medley, Bread Rolls*

❖ DESSERT ❖

*Strawberry Cake or Chocolate Covered Strawberries (gluten-free)*

**Free will donations will help support  
the IMPACT youth group trip to  
Higher Things in summer 2018.**



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Dec. 1, 2017

Dear Church Leaders:

Classical Conversations® would like to demonstrate its gratitude for the body of Christ by supporting local churches on their journeys. Our local leader has chosen you for this year's gift of \$500.

Classical Conversations strives to give 10 percent of its profits for kingdom-building purposes, and this check is a part of that process. Even as we give, we recognize that your mission and our mission cannot be measured in dollars. This joint mission is to reclaim education for the edification of the family and the glory of God. We strive to show others that God has given us these precious children and the sole responsibility for their education.

Classical Conversations complements parents' homeschooling endeavors, encouraging and empowering parents to homeschool through high school. This is how we seek to fulfill our mission, "To know God and to make Him known." Our impact on the lives of children is really a reflection of our impact on parents, which is where we strongly differ from almost every other educational organization. This testimony is a great example:

I wanted to say thank you for a wonderful time at Practicum. This was the first one I was able to attend, and I truly enjoyed it. I gained support and encouragement throughout the entire training. Our morning sessions allowed me to better understand how my children are developing, which in turn will affect my teaching strategies, learning experiences, and patience as my husband and I raise them to be well-rounded, God-fearing adults. It was refreshing to hear "real" moments we all experience, knowing we are truly a community of moms and dads developing lifelong learners.

I truly believe God led me and my family to Classical Conversations three years ago. I am so thankful that it is steps that we take to follow Him each day, not a long path or road that He expects us to navigate. He is faithful to guide our steps to help us be on the right path...so thankful for that promise!

The afternoon was an informative time that was very helpful in equipping tutors for the next year. Although, I will only be subbing for a tutor this year, I have a greater confidence in stepping into that role and being ready for a great community day. I look forward to the opportunities and growth experiences from CC not only given to my children, but also me!

We consider it an honor to support local churches across the nation. Thank you for all your labors. You are the hands that build the kingdom of God.

Peace be with you,

Robert Bortins  
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### **SEVEN "T'S" OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**

Time, talent and treasure have long been the "favorite three" items of Christian stewardship. But even those three do not exhaust the meaning and impact of Christian stewardship. Here are the last of the seven "T's" we have been reviewing.

#### **TRASH**

TRASH refers to the care of God's creation. God created all things in heaven and on earth. He made the first man and woman in His own image and said to them, ***"Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground"*** (Genesis 1:28).

In Genesis 2:15, God put Adam into the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. He was the first manager of something that belonged to God, and he was to manage it according to God's wishes. Unfortunately he and Eve disobeyed God and desired to do things their own way. In this way sin entered the world and the earth and all upon it was cursed because of that sin. And yet, this is a marvelous earth with all its beauty and bounty, and we are still God's caretakers and managers.

It is almost incredible to fathom that over six billion people now live on planet earth. There are ample resources on earth to satisfy the needs of all living creatures. The truth is that God provides but man divides. Our stewardship of the air, earth, water, crops, livestock, and other resources on the earth is of critical importance. Polluted air and water, world hunger, and trashy environments give evidence to the need for improved stewardship of God's creation.

#### **The Life and Times of Martin Luther Podcast**

If you are interested in learning more about the life and times of Martin Luther, but don't necessarily have the time to devote to extensive reading or study, consider listening to a podcast dedicated to exploring this important church leader. There is such a podcast that is currently being produced, and it goes into great detail about Martin Luther and many of the historical and theological issues revolving around the Reformation. This podcast, authored by a Lutheran layperson named Steve Fogle, is called "The Life and Times of Martin Luther". Steve has a BAS from Capital University in Political Science and History and a Jurist Doctorate from Capital Law School in Ohio. This podcast - which is currently on Episode 25, goes into extensive historic detail and is an easy way to "deep dive" into this timely topic. These episodes consist of 30-60 minutes of audio each, and are great for listening to while traveling, driving in the car, and long trips. The author describes the podcast as this - "This show details the life of Martin Luther, the events of the Reformation, including the inventions, events and personalities of the Reformation and the 15th and 16th centuries." Episode titles include the following - Episode 2: Meet the Parents, Episode 8: The University of Erfurt, Episode 18: Next Stop—The Eternal City. There are multiple episodes on the following topics - The Holy Roman Empire, Augustine of Hippo the namesake of the Augustinian Order, and the History of the Papacy. Episodes come out once a month or so, but if you are just starting to listen, you have 25 episodes available immediately to listen to at your leisure. I can highly recommend this podcast if you are interested in history and want to know more about Martin Luther. You can find the podcast in either the Apple or Android platforms, wherever you find your podcasts - just search for the title "The Life and Times of Martin Luther". You can also download the episodes, outside of normal podcasting means, directly from the website - [www.martinlutherpodcast.com](http://www.martinlutherpodcast.com)

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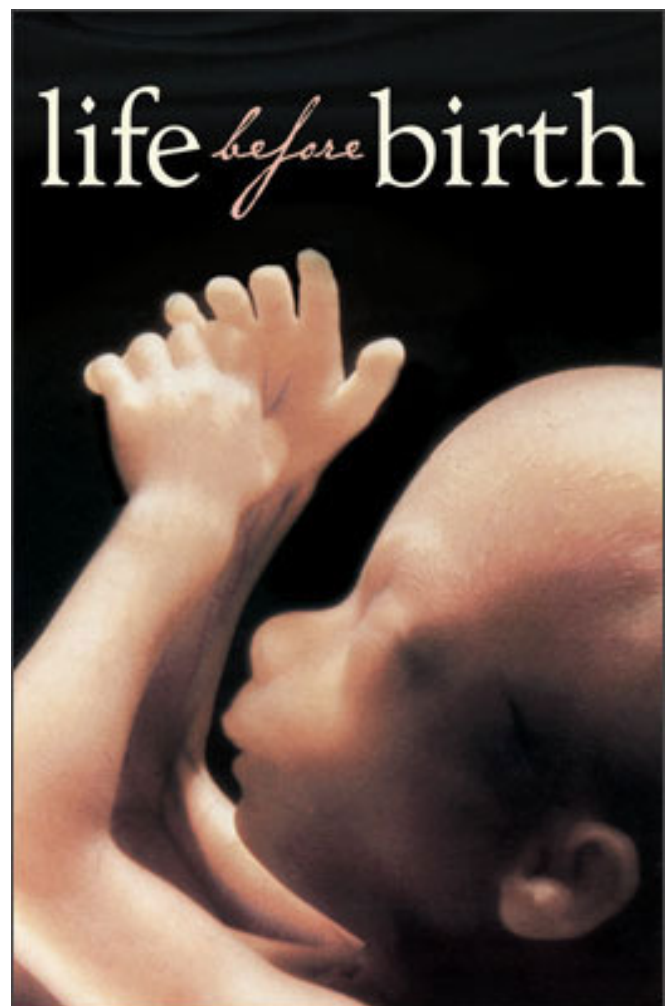
## HOPE FOR LIFE

Lutherans For Life, a recognized service organization of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, celebrated life during January 2018, with January 21 being Life Sunday. Hope for Life was the theme of this year's special event. A special flyer with this theme was enclosed in our worship folder on January 21. Our Life Team at LOL comprised of Melanie Scarth, Team Leader and other members Laura Lutek, Kathy Wilde, Dave Peters and Pastor Shaltanis remain committed to equipping other Lutherans and all of our church members to be Gospel motivated voices for Life. We believe, as do all Lutherans For Life, that the church is compelled by God's Word to speak and act on behalf of those who are vulnerable and defenseless and we strive to share the biblical truths and give a Gospel motivated witness to the Church and society on many pressing matters such as legalized abortion, legalized assisted suicide and euthanasia. For example, one team member posted a yard sign in the front yard during January which stated, "Pray to Stop Abortion". A neighbor came by and offered to pray and was thankful to see the yard sign. A realtor came by, inquired about how he could obtain a sign for his yard and stated as a believer in Jesus Christ, he wanted to have a similar yard sign to provide him an opportunity to share his faith and the biblical truths about the sanctity of life with his neighbors. The team member gave the realtor his yard sign and obtained another. The Team also posted a sign on church property facing 15th Street during December, January and to date with a Christmas theme and which reflects Jesus' words in John 10:10, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly". There are many opportunities outside of the church to demonstrate that all of us are a Hope for Life. As the January 21 flyer stated, "Wherever there's Life, there is God's grace and Christ's Compassion."

The Life Team continues to support through prayer and to provide bibles, bottles and diapers, to the Real Options for Women clinic in Plano.

Our bulletin board is updated from time to time with pro-life information and with information about clients who come to the Real Options clinic for consultation or special needs. There is an opportunity to pray for others in need. The Life Team is planning to host our annual "Connecting Generations" event in April at Highland Springs Retirement Center near our church. Time and date will be posted in the near future. The Team asks for your prayers and continued support. If you wish to join our Team speak to a team member or Pastor, any/all are welcome.

A Prayer: Father, You are the author of life and we Thank You for the gift that it is. Forgive us when we devalue it in any way. Heal our land from the scourge of legalized abortion, and turn our hearts back to a profound respect for all life. In Jesus' name. Amen



## In Loving Memory...

On January 16<sup>th</sup> we said goodbye to Donna Brown, a dear member of our congregation. What made this goodbye especially difficult was the fact that Donna was only 58 years old when she died unexpectedly of complications stemming from a case of the flu. Donna had suffered from diabetes and epilepsy for most of her life, but precisely because she had been to the hospital so many times before, we hoped and prayed that she might also return home on this occasion. But that was not our Lord's plan. I was with Donna and her husband Stan when she died and I prayed the Lord's Prayer and the Nunc Dimittis over her and blessed her with the Benediction. It was a difficult day.

Many of you might not know that Donna used to help out in the church office for years on Thursday mornings. That's how I got to know Donna. Each week she would come in beaming and full of cheer ready to fold and staple that week's church bulletins. Donna loved to talk about all kinds of things and always seemed overjoyed about whatever subject had her interest at the moment. One of the more frequent subjects was exercising. She and Stan were regulars at their gym.

A nice sized crowd attended her funeral the following week including family from out of state, friends from the gym, and many of you from the church. Thank you for your continued support of Stan and for remembering him in your prayers.



Upon Donna's passing, Stan's sister Nancy and brother-in-law Don Bobo of Wilmington, North Carolina, generously donated a gift to the church in her honor. It is a beautiful processional crucifix hand carved and of excellent quality. The church council approved this gift in our January meeting and we will dedicate it to the glory of God and for use in worship on the First Sunday in Lent, February 18. Our current processional cross was also a memorial gift given by Al and Mollie Manning in honor of Mollie's mother, Viella Schilling

about 18 years ago. Mollie graciously agreed that the current cross is showing its age (even tarnishing in some places,) and that an updated one would be in order. Still, we will retain the current cross for use on special occasions.



Interestingly, some have asked whether a crucifix (a cross with a body of Jesus on it) is a "Roman Catholic thing." The answer is "no," though apparently it is asked frequently enough that there is even a thoughtful article on the question on the LCMS FAQ webpage which is included below for your consideration.

**QUESTION: Is the use of crucifixes a Roman Catholic practice? Doesn't the empty cross provide a better symbol for Lutherans? How does the LCMS feel about using a crucifix in church?** [*Note: A crucifix is a cross with a statue of the crucified Christ on it.*]

**ANSWER:** A common misunderstanding among some Lutherans is the opinion that a crucifix, or the use of a crucifix, is a "Roman Catholic" practice. The history of Lutheranism demonstrates that the crucifix was a regular and routine feature of Lutheran worship and devotional life during Luther's lifetime and during the period of Lutheran Orthodoxy.

It was also the case among the founding fathers of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. If you were to visit most of the original congregations of the LCMS in the United States you would find lovely crucifixes adorning their altars, and, in addition, beautiful statues on the altar of Christ and the four evangelists or other such scenes.

There is nothing uniquely Roman Catholic about this. Many Lutherans and Lutheran congregations use crucifixes. Crucifixes are

used in the chapels of both of our seminaries and our International Center.

Lutheranism has always considered the crucifix to be a powerful reminder of the sacrifice our Lord Jesus made for us and our salvation, on the cross. A crucifix vividly brings to mind the Apostle Paul's divinely inspired words, "We preach Christ and Him crucified" (1 Cor. 1:23).

Interestingly enough, while there is certainly nothing "wrong" with an "empty" cross, the practice of using an "empty cross" on a Lutheran congregation's altar comes more from non-Lutheran sources. ...

*To read the rest of the response, go to:*

<https://www.lcms.org/about/beliefs/faqs/worship-and-congregational-life#crucifixes>

## Lord of Life Small Groups

### EMPTY NESTERS' CARE GROUP

- † For info contact Mike and Sandra Paradise at (972) 424-2951 or [itsparadise.inplano@verizon.net](mailto:itsparadise.inplano@verizon.net)
- † Will meet on Sat. January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM

### EPIC PARENTING

- † For 30ish couples with kids
- † For info contact Ben Scarth [BenjaminScarth@yahoo.com](mailto:BenjaminScarth@yahoo.com)
- † Usually meet one Sunday a month in the afternoon or evening

### GOOD NEWS CARE GROUP

- † For info contact Chris Oltmann at (972) 727-6330 or Mike Kunschke at (847) 951-6974
- † Usually meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of each month at 6:30 PM for Bible study

### MIXED BLESSINGS

- † For info contact Fred and Ruth Bernhardt at (972) 398-0771
- † Will meet on Sat. February 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM

### TWENTY SOMETHINGS

- † For couples and singles in their twenties
- † For info contact Pastor Shaltanis at [PastorShaltanis@yahoo.com](mailto:PastorShaltanis@yahoo.com)
- † The group is currently in transition, but has usually met on Sundays after late service

# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY

- 1 Bette Martin
- 3 John Clark
- 3 Julz Cruz
- 4 Cheryl Scaglione
- 6 Sal Cruz
- 6 Dee Peters
- 6 Tom Womack
- 7 Dorothy Meyer
- 8 Marty Buckmeier
- 8 Vi Krohn
- 11 Wayne Massie
- 12 Al & Linda McVicker [36]
- 13 Stephen Belcher
- 14 Tom & Karen Ashburn [53]
- 14 Gary & Bonnie Holtzman [42]
- 14 Jerry & Winona Parish [12]
- 18 Amy Reinert
- 19 Paul Grabow
- 19 Charles Hacker
- 19 Rebecca Short
- 20 Reuben Martin
- 23 Sarah Loewecke
- 25 Jackie Barnes
- 25 Madeline Prescott
- 27 Kelsey Crabtree
- 27 Ernie Gromatzky
- 27 Bailey Lund
- 28 Kris Crabtree



Abigail Beaudreau – February 20, 2011  
Lauren Howe – February 12, 2006



## Serving in Worship in February

|                   | February 4                                |                    | February 11                 |               | February 18      |                               | February 25       |                                |
|-------------------|---|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
|                   | 8:00 AM                                   | 10:45 AM           | 8:00 AM                     | 10:45 AM      | 8:00 AM          | 10:45 AM                      | 8:00 AM           | 10:45 AM                       |
| <b>Elder</b>      | Scarth                                    |                    | Read                        |               | Ziegelbein       |                               | Kunscke           |                                |
| <b>Common Cup</b> | Peters                                    | Kunschke           | Lutek                       | Ziegelbein    | Read             | Hite                          | Ziegelbein        | Hite                           |
| <b>Altar</b>      | Bette Martin, Sandra Paradise, Kathy Hite |                    |                             |               |                  |                               |                   |                                |
| <b>Acolyte</b>    | Jonah C.                                  | Athan S.           | Will G.                     | Hayden C.     | Madeline P.      | Nathan R.                     | Noah Z.           | Jonah C.                       |
| <b>Greeter</b>    | Ehrett                                    | Manning            | Schrank                     | Dorak         | Martin           | Abbott                        | Schrank/Vess      | Barnes                         |
| <b>Sound</b>      | Hacker                                    | Hite               | Wolf                        | Raj           | Botello          | Selvaraj                      | Wilkerson         | Pittson                        |
| <b>Usher</b>      | Bunger<br>Scarth                          | Ozowski<br>Oltmann | Frinsko<br>Read<br>Paradise | Cruz<br>Moudy | Bunger<br>Scarth | McVicker<br>Oltmann<br>Berger | Hacker<br>Schrank | Crabtree<br>Buckmeier<br>Short |

### Midweek

|                   | February 14 |                                 | February 21 |         | February 28 |         |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|
|                   | 1:30 PM     | 7:00 PM                         | 1:30 PM     | 7:00 PM | 1:30 PM     | 7:00 PM |
| <b>Elder</b>      | Peters      | Kunscke                         | Peters      | Peters  | Peters      | Peters  |
| <b>Common Cup</b> | Read        | Ziegelbein                      |             |         |             |         |
| <b>Sound</b>      |             | Wilkerson                       |             | Hacker  |             | Botello |
| <b>Usher</b>      |             | Loewecke<br>Frinsko<br>Crabtree |             |         |             |         |

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### January- December, 2017

|                  |                               | ACTUAL    | BUDGET    | VARIANCE   |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| <b>RECEIPTS:</b> | <b>Regular Offerings</b>      | \$641,802 | \$741,121 | (\$99,319) |
|                  | <b>Other</b>                  | \$3,737   | \$200     | \$3,537    |
|                  | <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>         | \$645,539 | \$741,321 | (\$95,782) |
|                  | <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>         | \$647,570 | \$704,174 | (\$56,604) |
|                  | <b>RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES</b> | (\$2,031) | \$37,147  | (\$39,178) |

#### OTHER INFORMATION

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. General Operating Fund Balance | \$104,176 |
| 2. Dedicated Funds Balance        | \$153,215 |
| 3. Building Note Balance          | \$332,258 |