

LLHS Grand Event needs desserts!

Thank you for being a past donor for Lakeside's Grand Event Dessert Dash! Might you be interested in helping again this year? This is always one of the most popular events of the evening and is made possible by donations from people like you. Last year, the dessert portion raised over \$9,000.00! This year our dinner/auction event theme is "God So Loved" and is based on John 3:16.

"How can I help?" If you are talented in kitchen confections, we would welcome your scrumptious, homemade dessert creation. Do you work for a restaurant or food supplier? Maybe your employer would be willing to donate a dessert. Encourage a friend who loves to bake to make a dessert as well! Another option is to consider donating a purchased dessert from your favorite bakery for our event. Your in-kind donation is tax-deductible and sure to help serve event success. Please say YES!

We need a total of 38 desserts (serving 8 each) to be auctioned during the dinner portion of our event. If you are willing to bake, donate, or purchase a dessert for the event please sign up on the Sign Up Genius link by March 15. If you are unable to access the link, please contact one of the Dessert Dash Coordinators and we will be happy to assist you.

The event is Saturday, April 4, 2019. Donations may be dropped off at Lakeside on Friday, April 3 from 7:30 am - 4:30 pm or on Saturday between 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. If special arrangements are needed, please let us know. Thank you for your consideration! Let's make the GE9 Dessert Dash something to talk about!

Martin Luther College is now accepting applications for one regular part-time Accounting Clerk - Accounts Payable. A comprehensive description of this position can be found at mlc-wels.edu/hr. Interested individuals should apply online. Applications will be accepted through 12:00 pm (noon) on Tuesday, February 25, 2020. Additional information and details can be obtained by contacting the Martin Luther College Human Resources Office at 507-354-8221.

The Sixth Sunday in Epiphany – February 15 & 16

P.O. Box 86, Helenville, Wisconsin

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Organist: Ken Neipert

We Welcome You!

Order of Worship: Pg. 38

Opening Hymn: 221 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Prayer of the Day:

M: Lord God, in mercy receive the prayers of your people. Grant them the wisdom to know the things that please you and the grace and power always to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson - Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses made it clear that the choice between God and sin was also the choice between life and death. He reminded God's people that Israel had received a two-sided covenant from God: If you are my people, I will be your God. If you are not my people, you will be destroyed. The choice was a no-brainer! Love the LORD your God and walk in his ways. If serving God was a no-brainer for Israel, how much more for us, who have received the one-sided covenant of God's grace? We know the LORD is our life, and so we listen to his voice and hold fast to him.

¹⁵ See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. ¹⁶ For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸ I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

¹⁹ This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰ and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Anthem: "By Faith" by Grades 6-8

But I tell you, Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. ³⁷ Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

Sermon Hymn: 283 Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening

Sermon: The Inside Scoop

Offering: *(Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.)*

Distribution Hymn: 493 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Benediction

Closing Hymn: 345 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Ushers: This Week – Tim Walsh
Next Week – Russ Schuld & Justin Draeger

Greeters: This Week – Rose Henning & Arlene Borchardt
Next Week – Frank & Sue Kramer

Cleaning: This Coming Week – Jim Lichtenberg
The Following Week – Dan Stern
(There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church.)

Second Lesson - 1 Corinthians 2:6-13

In the continuation of the seven-week series, Paul says that godly wisdom comes from the Holy Spirit who does two things: he reveals what God has prepared for us, and he makes us understand it. Knowing and understanding what God has done for us creates true, godly wisdom that will show itself as we live holy lives.

⁶We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"—¹⁰but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.

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Gospel - Matthew 5:21-37

Jesus commands us to be holy in our relationships with our brothers, our adversaries, our bodies, our spouse, and our God. Hearing his instructions for the Christian life, we see that God is far holier than we can imagine! How high Jesus sets the bar here: not just acts, but thoughts—not just words, but attitudes, are judged by our God! In the place of a pharisaical form of godliness, Jesus calls for true spiritual righteousness. God's demands of holiness only highlight the depravity of our sinful nature. Let the preacher bring God's Law in all its severity and preach his hearers down to hell, until the flesh despairs of itself and can only cry, "Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner!" Then let the preacher boldly proclaim that the Savior who preaches the holy life is the Savior who lived the holy life as our Substitute. Let him proclaim

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Divorce

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