



Pastor's Message: Honest Repentance

This Lenten season, our sermon series will focus on the theme of repentance. Here is a brief description of the series:

Each sermon will explore the biblical text with other parts of Scripture and Lutheran doctrine to sketch a picture of what repentance looks like in the Christian life. Repentance starts with being honest before God and ourselves about who we are. When it comes to sin, everyone has a natural impulse to hide, but repentance means finding the courage to be honest. It also means having faith in the promise of forgiveness. But being honest about faith means recognizing that faith is contested on many sides not only by society, but by our own experiences, and sometimes even by the actions of God himself. Finally, repentance means becoming more human, not less. Because our thoughts, desires, and actions are so linked with sin, it is easy to view repentance as fighting against our humanity as if holiness meant trying to stifle as many of our natural human impulses as possible. But honest repentance recognizes that sin is the thing that stifles our humanity, while repentance results in our natural impulses functioning more as God designed them.

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW SCHEDULE!! Due to declining attendance and the difficulty of securing an accompanist in the middle of the day, the elders and I have decided to eliminate the mid-day service for Lent 1 through 5 (2/21-3/20). We will keep the mid-day 1:30p service for Ash Wednesday, as well as for Maundy Thursday & Good Friday. For any members who are unable to drive at night, the elders and others have offered rides. Please do not hesitate to request assistance in attending services.

As before, the youth will host soup suppers at 6:00p with the evening service following at 7:00p.

- 2/14 - Ash Wednesday: Law (Creation: Genesis 1:1–2:3)
- 2/21 - Lent 1: Chaos (The Flood: Genesis 7:1–5, 11-18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13)
- 2/28 - Lent 2: Faith (Abraham and Isaac: Genesis 22:1–18)
- 3/06 - Lent 3: Repentance (The Repentance of Nineveh: Jonah 3:1–10)
- 3/13 - Lent 4: Purification (The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace: Daniel 3:1–30)
- 3/20 - Lent 5: Salvation (The Crossing of the Red Sea: Exodus 14:10–15:1)

Your Fellow Servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Dan".

Pastor Dan



honest repentance



Soup Suppers are
Wednesdays in Lent
at 6:00 PM



ST. JOHN

Student Report

February, 2024 News

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Make a Joyful Noise

“Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!” Psalm 98:4

I have a few favorite bible verses and phrases that make me smile every time I hear them. Paul’s catchphrase of “by no means!” and the angel’s ever-present “fear not”. Combined with “make a joyful noise to the LORD”, all three of them bear specific imagery for me. Paul’s phrase reminds me of a lawyer suddenly slamming their hand on the table yelling “OF COURSE NOT!” It’s a break of the eloquent speech that normally defines Paul’s letters, and now that the picture is in my head, I cannot read his statements in any other voice.

The angel’s phrase of “fear not” takes a bit more back story. My parents have a nativity set that we set up most Christmases that is all snowmen. There’s Mary, Joseph, little Baby Jesus held in Mary’s arms and an angel. The angel is suspended from a wire stretched between two snow-covered pine trees and looks more like a snowman in an angel costume than an actual angel. And held between his hands is a sign bearing the words “fear not”. For whatever reason, the simplicity and adorableness make it stick in my mind. Whenever I hear the angels tell someone to “have no fear”, I picture the snowman hanging by a wire in a costume proclaiming “fear not”.

Finally, Psalm 98 tells us to “make a joyful noise”. What is a joyful noise? Notice it doesn’t say ‘sing a perfect song’ or ‘play a beautiful symphony’. It’s a noise. Joyful, happy, carefree noise. I tend to picture a toddler regaling mom and dad in the living room with the song they just made up on the spot about pancakes. The little one is clearly exuberant about the masterpiece they just performed. And mom and dad just sit back and lovingly smile. Because their child felt it was important to share this piece of joy with them. A ‘joyful noise’, to me, is a toddler happily singing about pancakes.

Let us go about our daily routines with this same mindset. That “whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” (Colossians 3:17). We don’t have to be the best, or do things perfectly. God loves us, no matter what joyful noise we make to Him.

As many of you may remember, I am a member of Christus Chorus here at CSP. Coming up this spring, we will be touring through a few states and performing for about a week. On Tuesday March 19th, we will be performing somewhere in Lincoln, Nebraska. Our choir director Paul von Kampen is completing his doctorate and will be using our tour performance as a final for his doctoral program. I am unsure which specific church we will be performing at, but I wanted to put that date on your radar. My parents will be traveling out to view the concert and have room to take four (4) more people with them, barring bad weather. If you are interested, please speak to Lori or Kris Holt sometime between now and then to plan specifics.

Another update for you all is that last semester I made the Dean’s List for academic excellence. I received all A’s in my four classes, and currently have a 4.0 GPA. I am enjoying my classes so far this semester, and keep pushing myself to continue to maintain a personal level of quality within my studies. I look forward to seeing you all over Spring Break the first week of March, and again for Easter the last week of March.

Much Love,
Alana - Concordia, St. Paul





ST. JOHN Special Events

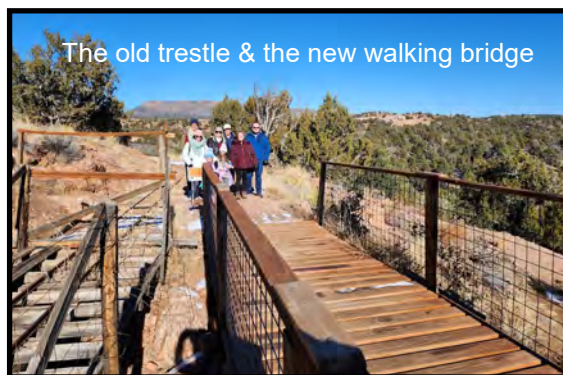
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On Saturday, January 6th: Nine members of Trail Mix (our hiking group) enjoyed a scenic walk on the Point Alta Vista Trail. Trail Mix hiking information is available near the mailboxes.



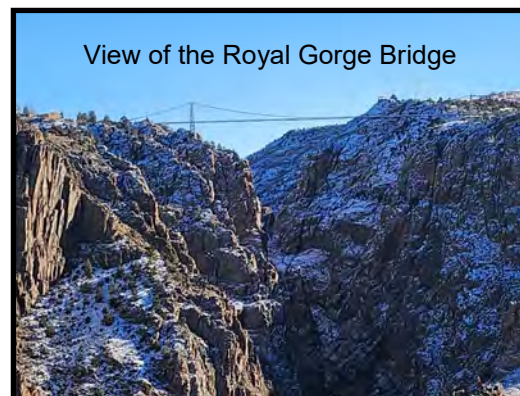
Gail Kirkegaard, Cody Atkinson, Dawn Atkinson, Heather Pegors, Kathy Pegors, Kurt Pegors, Nathan Pegors, Solana Pegors, Florence Pegors.



The old trestle & the new walking bridge



POINT ALTA VISTA



View of the Royal Gorge Bridge

February Happy Birthdays!

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| Feb. 2 - Lily Booth | Feb. 16 - Elizabeth Wallestad |
| Feb. 2 - Alexander Wright | Feb. 18 - Sherie Huebner |
| Feb. 10 - Valerie Langley | Feb. 18 - Carla Lehmpuhl |
| Feb. 11 - Lenny Williams | Feb. 25 - Doris Cunningham |
| Feb. 12 - Emmanuel Urban | Feb. 25 - Nancy Schmidt |
| Feb. 14 - Nate Harms | Feb. 26 - Florence Pegors |
| | Feb. 14 - Ada Pendarvis |



February Happy Anniversaries!

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| Feb. 14 - Carroll & Susan Smiley | Feb. 27 - Jim Estes & Judith Crider |
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ST. JOHN News & Notes

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Attendance:

December 31 - 83 January 7 - 85 January 14 - 62 January 21 - 83

Church Council Officers for 2024:

President	Nathan Pegors	Chair. of Trustees	Bob Kirkegaard
Vice President	Liv Booth	Chair. of Evangelism	Gail Kirkegaard
Secretary	Kerri Leason	Board of Elders	Brandon Booth Curtis Eulert
Treasurer	Nichole Harms		David Lehmpuhl Allan Tormholen
Chair. of Education	Nathan Pegors		Rod Willard
Chair. of Missions	Julie Barrett	Financial Secretary	Jerry & Donna Heldt

Aluminum Pull Tabs Update: Greetings from cold, and almost always, windy Westcliffe. January is trying to catch up with the snow and wind we didn't have since the beginning of Winter season, so hang on! I will be delivering 2 pounds of aluminum pull tabs to the Colorado Springs Ronald McDonald House on January 21st. If you are not familiar with this charity, let me tell you a little bit about it. *AT NO COST*, this particular Ronald McDonald House provides comfort, support and resources for up to 20 families per night, in addition to welcoming day guests. Individual families are provided their own sleeping rooms and a Family Room for a quiet place to gather. They can share their experience with other families and find compassion and bonding with others who are going through difficult medical issues with critically ill children. Your donations of tabs turn into money to support the expenses of the House. For more information here is their website: <https://rmhcsoutherncolorado.org>

THANK YOU,
Susan Smiley

Ride to Church: If you or another member you know needs transportation to church on Sundays, please call Ken Davidson at 719-429-4919.

Announcements: Please e-mail announcements for the Sunday bulletins and monthly newsletters to Office@StJohnCanonCity.org. Sarah makes the bulletins and Gail makes the newsletters. Thank You.

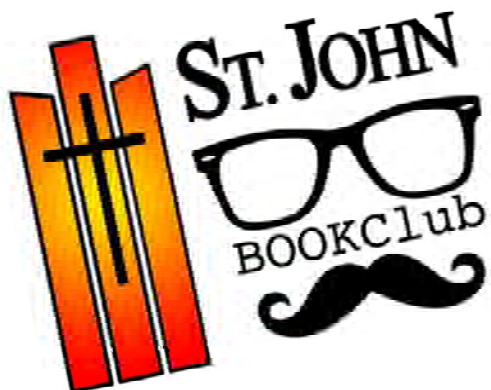
Missionaries: Please remember to pray for JP and Aimee Cima in Cambodia and Chuck and Cheryl Ferry in Taiwan, asking God to protect them all and use them to spread His gospel.

Prayer Chain: For prayer concerns we have a phone chain and an e-mail chain. Please contact one of the following: **Phone:** Mary Richardson, (719) 269-1426, **E-mail:** 1956cew@gmail.com .

Food Bank: The first Sunday of every month is when we share our blessings with the needy in our community. Please bring basics such as sugar, flour, or canned food for the box near the mailboxes.

We Welcome All in the name of Jesus Christ. Thank you for blessing us with your presence at worship. Please sign our guestbook, and take a visitor packet.

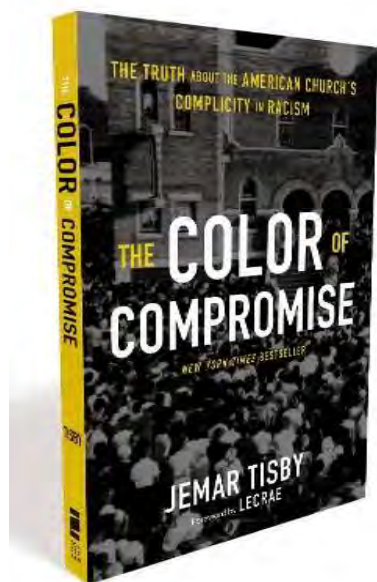
Special Prayers: Please contact Pastor Dan prior to Sunday services to include any special prayers.



February & March 2023

Here is what is happening at the BOOKClub:

The next book on our list is [The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism](#) (ISBN 978-0310113607) by Jemar Tisby. This book is highly recommended by our district president Rev. Maxwell; and after discussing the anti-semitism of WWII, we will now consider the racism a bit closer to home. The description reads:



The Color of Compromise is both enlightening and compelling, telling a history we either ignore or just don't know. Equal parts painful and inspirational, it details how the American church has helped create and maintain racist ideas and practices. You will be guided in thinking through concrete solutions for improved race relations and a racially inclusive church.

The Color of Compromise:

- Takes you on a historical, sociological, and religious journey: from America's early colonial days through slavery and the Civil War
- Covers the tragedy of Jim Crow laws, the victories of the Civil Rights era, and the strides of today's Black Lives Matter movement
- Reveals the cultural and institutional tables we have to flip in order to bring about meaningful integration
- Charts a path forward to replace established patterns and systems of complicity with bold, courageous, immediate action

The Color of Compromise is not a call to shame or a platform to blame white evangelical Christians. It is a call from a place of love and desire to fight for a more racially unified church that no longer compromises what the Bible teaches about human dignity and equality. A call that challenges black and white Christians alike to stand up now and begin implementing the concrete ways Tisby

outlines, all for a more equitable and inclusive environment among God's people. Starting today.

Used copies are available on Amazon for \$7-\$8, a Kindle edition for \$13, and an Audible audiobook for \$7. Three paperback copies have also been ordered for the church library. If you have any problems finding a copy, please call Pastor Dan.

The date for discussing this book is Tuesday March 12th, 6:30pm – although this date may change if necessary.

Pick up a book & join us at the BOOKClub!

SOAR SPRING SEMINAR

2024



ENHANCING ONE'S QUALITY OF LIFE
FEBRUARY 10TH, 2024

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**CHAPLAIN LT COL (RET)
JOSEPH MURPHY**

MILITARY CHAPLAINCY
AT HOME AND ABOARD



**BETHLEHEM
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GUEST SPEAKER

**EMILY
WILSON**

LUTHERAN BIBLE
TRANSLATORS



GUEST SPEAKER

**DAN
GEHRKE**

LUTHERAN HIGH
SCHOOL, PARKER
"FAILURE, FAITH,
FRUIT"



GUEST SPEAKER

**MARLENE
ROMERO**

DIRECTOR OF
INTEGRATED
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
"HELPING TRAUMA
VICTIMS COPE"



GUEST SPEAKER

**KRISTINA
WILBURN**

LABORATORY TO
COMBAT HUMAN
TRAFFICKING (LCHT)
"AWARENESS OF
HUMAN TRAFFICKING"



ENTERTAINMENT: 4GIVEN
SINGING PRAISES TO GOD

\$40.00 per person, which includes program costs, continental breakfast, lunch, and coffee! Half Off for First Time Attendees! Registration Deadline: February 3, 2024



SQUARE TWO

CIMA FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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THE CHILD TO BE BORN WILL
BE CALLED **HOLY** —THE
SON OF GOD. - LUKE 1:35

Unlike recent years, our local congregation, Christ Lutheran Church, celebrated Christmas in our normal gathering place. Members and visitors squeezed into the small space which was beautifully decorated by church band and youth group members. J.P. got to preach the good news of Jesus' birth! Afterwards, a community meal of pizza and local food was enjoyed by all. We are blessed to be a part of this community.

A few days before Christmas, J.P. traveled again to Chhuk for the last of four two-day seminars on Luther's Small Catechism (LSC). This trip was focused entirely on the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, along with Confession and Absolution. What wonderful discussion! There are now four remaining locations where the Cambodia Lutheran Church has asked J.P. to teach LSC. We remain thankful to Lutheran Heritage Foundation for publishing and providing a Khmer translation of LSC for participants. The goal of the program is to build biblical and theological literacy among local leaders for the sake of local mission among Lutheran churches!



We hosted two Christmas parties at our home. The first was for key partners and colleagues, with whom and through whom we are able to do what we do in Cambodia. The second was for the youth group (pictured). We paused our study of Law and Gospel for a lesson focused on Luke 1:26-38. Afterwards we played a laughter-filled game of White Elephant in which a cheap pair of sandals became the most sought after gift. But best of all was sharing the gift of Jesus with a not-yet-believing visitor, the friend of a neighbor who joins semi-regularly. What a joy to tell him that Jesus was born for him!



Wanna help us impact the people of Cambodia?

Give online [here](#) or mail a check to 1) P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166 (payable to The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod), OR 2) 40718 Highway E-16, Mapleton, IA 51034 (payable to Mission Central). For ALL checks, in the memo line write "Cima family-Cambodia."


PRAY WITH US!

Praise: for a joyful celebration of Christmas; for new visitors to youth group; for J.P.'s completion of a literature review draft; for the recent publication of an article on God's Work in Cambodia in Lutherans Engage.

Prayer: for LSC training in Ratanakiri in mid-January; for initial planning for a national youth gathering, tentatively scheduled for Oct. 2024.



FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH CAÑON CITY, COLORADO 790 Greydene Ave., Cañon City, CO, 81212 http://www.StJohnCanonCity.org 719-275-0111</p>				1 7:00 Men's Breakfast 9:00 Quilters	2 7:30 Morning Prayer	3
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