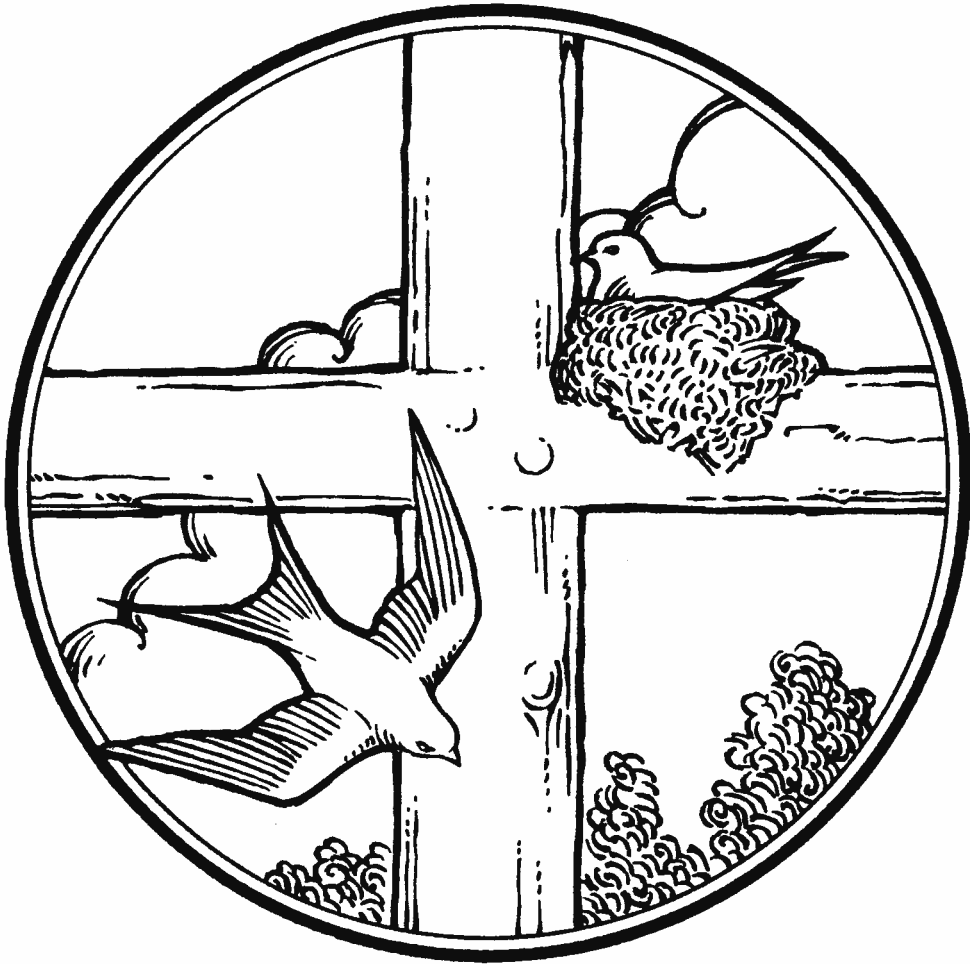


WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



THE SAVIOR'S SERMON:  
DON'T WORRY!

*Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany*

# ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Wisconsin Rapids, WI*

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*February 16, 2020*

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. It's encouraging to see parents bring their families to worship the Lord. If your child is restless, you can use the Family Room to calm your child. Restrooms are located in the hallways along either side of the Worship Center. For those with special needs, large print copies of the service and listening devices are available from the ushers. One of our ushers or greeters can help you find the restrooms, family room or answer your other questions.

## SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

Your heavenly Father's steadfast love is constant (*see the Verse of the Day*), and he wants to give you peace based not on an abundance of possessions but on the contentment that comes from living out of his hand. The Church prays for God's peace (*see the Prayer of the Day*) that teaches Christians that we don't need to worry about anything, but can learn to trust and be content with our Father's care.

The liturgical color\* for this Sunday is green, which signifies our trust which grows stronger when we are reminded of God's promises of provision.

Today's service includes a celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. For personal preparation, consider using page 156 in the front of the hymnal.

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\* The liturgical color is found on the pastor's stole and the piece of cloth hanging from the pulpit.

# THE COMMON SERVICE

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*The common service is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church.*

## WELCOME

## OPENING SONG

*Take the World, But Give Me Jesus* | CW 355

*Please stand.*

## INVOCATION

Minister (M): In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation (C): Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

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**C:** ♪ **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**  
**We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,**  
**We glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,**  
**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty.**  
**O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**  
**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**  
**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.**  
**You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.**  
**For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.**  
**You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**  
**Are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen. ♪**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** Let us pray.  
Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*This prayer, historically known as the Collect (pronounced COLL-ect), brings together all the thoughts of the day's theme. Many of these prayers have been used in the Christian Church for more than 1,500 years.*

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## *The Word*

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### **FIRST LESSON**

*Isaiah 49:13-18*

*God will never forget who we are or what we need.*

*After the reading, the announcement is made:*

**M:** The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*Refrain:* ♪ The mighty Lord is with us;  
The God of Jacob is our fortress.

♪ My soul finds rest in 'God alone;\*  
My salvation 'comes from him.  
He alone is my rock and my sal'vation;\*  
He is my fortress, I will never be 'shaken.  
Find rest, O my soul, in 'God alone;\*  
My hope 'comes from him.

*Refrain*

♪ Though your rich'es increase,\*  
Do not set your 'heart on them.  
My salvation and my honor de'pend on God;\*  
He is my mighty rock, my 'refuge.  
Trust in him at all times, O 'people;\*  
Pour out your hearts to him, for God is our 'refuge.

♪ Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son\*  
And to the Holy 'Spirit,  
As it was in the be'ginning,\*  
Is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

*Refrain*

**SECOND LESSON** - 1 Corinthians 4:1-13

*Paul did not let the hardships of this world drive him to worrying.*

*After the reading, the announcement is made:*

**M:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

*Why three readings? Some have said the First Reading usually highlights the promises of God the Father in the Old Testament; the Second Reading tends to focus on the work of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament Church; the Gospel brings us words and works of Jesus. Three readings—three persons of the Trinity!*

## VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

C: **his mercies never come to an end. Alleluia.** (*Lamentations 3:22 RSV*)

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL LESSON

*Matthew 6:24-34*

*God knows exactly what we need; so do not worry.*

*After the Gospel, the announcement is made:*

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*The children are invited to come forward for an object lesson.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

Consider How the Birds Above | CWS 762



1 Con - si - der how the birds a - bove  
2 The li - lies grow; they do not toil.  
3 Set not your heart on food or drink,  
4 Be on your guard a - gainst all greed,  
5 Be not a - fraid to suf - fer loss  
6 Seek first God's reign, his bound - less grace,

*What a beautiful  
setting of Jesus'  
message from  
Matthew 6!*



Feed day by day with care - free ease—  
How fair is their fra - gil - i - ty—  
Nor be weighed down by world - ly care;  
For life is more than what we own.  
Of all the things for which you pray;  
His ho - ly name in all you do:



Does God not keep them in his love?  
If God clothes these, which quick - ly spoil,  
A - bout such things the god - less think,  
Our Fa - ther knows our ev - 'ry need  
For he who faced for you the cross  
Christ first and last in ev - 'ry place;



Are we not worth much more than these?  
Will he not clothe both you and me?  
Yet nev - er thank the Lord in prayer.  
Be - fore our needs to us are known.  
Will give you strength to live each day.  
All else will then be giv - en you.

## SERMON - WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

*Please stand.*

## RESPONSE

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♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

**Amen.** ♪

*Be seated.*

## OFFERING

*St. Paul's members offer their first and their best to their Savior in order to support the sharing of the Gospel through our church and our worldwide church body, the WELS. Our guests do not need to feel obligated to participate. We ask that everyone, guests and members, sign the Friendship Register, which will be passed out during the offering. If the gospel message has moved you to give and you would like an electronic option, you can scan this QR code with your mobile phone. It will connect you with our website's giving page.*



## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Please stand.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## *The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

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### PREFACE

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M: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: ♪ **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

C: ♪ **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of heavenly hosts:**

| CW p. 22

**Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. ♪**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

*The Pastor makes the sign of the cross during the Words of Institution, not because it is some magical incantation or spell, but rather to mark and set apart the bread and wine for the purpose of eating and drinking in the sacrament.*

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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C: ♪ **Amen.**

C: ♪ **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.**

**Amen. ♪**

*Please be seated and await the direction of the ushers.*

*The communicant members of our congregation will be invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Because the Bible has convinced us that Jesus' body and blood are present in the sacrament, and that receiving the sacrament together is a public statement of oneness in our beliefs and commitment, we ask our guests to speak with the pastor prior to communing. We don't want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of stating your agreement with our convictions before we've had an opportunity to explain and prove them from Scripture. The pastor would be happy to explore our convictions with you, on the basis of God's Word, so that you might commune with us in the future!*

## THE DISTRIBUTION

*If you are in need of gluten free wafers or grape juice, please ask for directions from an usher.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*What Is the World to Me | CW 477*  
*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness | CW 311*

*Please stand.*

## THANKSGIVING

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**C:** ♪ Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word.  
For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before  
the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles  
and the glory of your people Israel. ♪

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C:** ♪ And his mercy endures forever.

**M:** Let us pray together.

**C:** O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule in our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

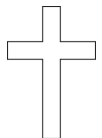
**C:** ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen. ♪

*Be seated.*

## CLOSING HYMN

*On My Heart Imprint Your Image | CW 320*

*“That life’s riches, cares, and pleasures have no power to hide your face” is another way to say, “Lord, help me stop worrying so much!”*



# TAKE HOME QUESTIONS

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1. Isaiah 49 has a lot of good Isaiah themes in it. Read the entire chapter and write down things that sound familiar from other chapters of Isaiah that you're familiar with. If anything, write down the most comforting thing and the most shocking thing from this chapter.
2. If you had to guess, how many days do you spend at least one minute worrying about something that is out of your control? What do you think makes people worry so much?
3. God gives us promises so that we stop worrying and fretting. Look up the following verses and write down one way in which each section stops worry in its tracks:
  - † Isaiah 40:28-31 –
  - † Psalm 23 –
  - † 1 Peter 1:3-9 –
  - † Romans 8:28-39 –
4. There are other parts to the Savior's sermon we could not get to during this series—most of Matthew 6 and all of Matthew 7. Read those sections to see what themes run through the rest of the sermon that were part of what was discussed in Matthew 5 and 6.

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **THIS SUNDAY'S BIBLE STUDY**

WELS & Other Christians:  
Baptists and Seventh Day Adventists  
Join cafeteria from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.



## **HEAR ABOUT SWEPS**

*Feb. 17 | 6:30 PM*

This is the last Sunday for the "Willing Workers'... Willing Hearts Hygiene Drive" to benefit our local food pantry, SWEPS. Our donations will be presented to Mr. Dale Davis of SWEPS during the Willing Workers meeting this Monday, Feb. 17 at 6:30 PM. Mr. Davis will share how the SWEPS program provides food and education to the people they serve. Everyone is invited to this event.

## **FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

*Feb. 19 | 5:00-8:00 PM*

Join us for a casual night of games, food, and fun. You don't need to have children to attend; everyone is invited! Bring a game, bring a snack to share, or bring a friend! The gym will be open so kids can burn off excess energy. (And you can burn off excess calories.) Pizza will be served around 6:00 PM. Hope you can come.

## **KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP**

*Feb. 29 | 10:00 AM*

If you have a child entering kindergarten in the fall, be sure to come to our Kindergarten Round Up on Saturday, Feb. 29. You and your child will meet our kindergarten teacher, Ms. Rachel Haugly, see our kindergarten classroom, and meet other kindergarten families. Parents will learn about our school from our principal, Mr. John Melso, while the children enjoy some fun activities in the classroom. If this date does not work for you, please contact Ms. Haugly to arrange another time.

## **HELP SELL SCRIP ON SUNDAYS**

We need volunteers to sell St. Paul's scrip cards on Sunday mornings. The commitment involves selling cards for roughly 15 minutes before and after each service. Our scrip sales help to fund our Lutheran grade school and offset tuition costs for families, so it is well worth your time. Please give Deb DeWilde a call at 715-323-4028 if you can help.

## **POSTCARDS FOR EASTER FOR KIDS**

Please check your mailslot for postcard invites to Easter for Kids. The event will take place the morning of April 4. You can send the postcards to families you know. Or better yet, give them a postcard along with a personal face-to-face invitation. If you need extra postcards, they are available on the Ministry Table in the Welcome Center. Online registration is now open ([www.stpaulswr.org/easter-for-kids](http://www.stpaulswr.org/easter-for-kids)), or you can pick up a registration form from the Ministry Table.

## **TOGETHER WE SHINE**

*March 1 | 12:00-3:00 PM*

Everyone is invited for a soup/sandwich luncheon, silent auction, musical performances, tours, and presentations at Together We Shine on Sunday, March 1 from 12-3 PM. This event is Northland Lutheran High School's most successful fundraiser for tuition assistance. Be a part of the **SOUP-COOK-OFF!** Teams prepare a roaster full of the soup of their choice; attendees will be able to sample as many as they like and vote on their favorite. Awards will be given for the best soups, and the first soup gone. Let them know if you have a team that wants to compete. They also need groups or individuals to prepare sandwiches and/or pans of bars. Please call or email with your offer to help. They also welcome donations toward the **SILENT AUCTION**. If you have goods or services to offer, or would like to donate gift cards or baskets, please let them know. You can contact NLHS at 715-359-3400 or [nlhsoffice@nlhs.org](mailto:nlhsoffice@nlhs.org).

## **PLAN A SUMMER EXCURSION TO THE ARK**

*June 4-7*

Join your church family as we travel to Kentucky to see the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum. The world would like you to think that creation and the flood are just myths. See the evidence that God was at work in the formation of all we see. Rates start at just \$255 per person and include bus fare, hotel room, entrance into both attractions, and one meal. Look for brochures on the Ministry Table or contact Michelle Gear at 920-784-4643 or [michellemgear@gmail.com](mailto:michellemgear@gmail.com).

## **BUS DRIVER STILL NEEDED**

Northland Lutheran High School (NLHS) still needs a driver to cover the Wisconsin Rapids route. If you drive the bus route once a week or more often, please contact NLHS at 715-359-3400 or [nlhsoffice@nlhs.org](mailto:nlhsoffice@nlhs.org). This is a PAID position and NLHS will pay for your training and licensing.

## ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEB. 26

Lent start in a little over a week and with it our Midweek Lent Services. Join us on Wednesdays at 4:00 & 6:30 PM for an extra opportunity to worship and focus on God's Word. This Lent, we will focusing on the six main parts of Luther's Small Catechism. Pastors Tullberg and Melke from Good Shepherd rotate with Pastor Proeber to lead our worship. If you can't make our service times, Good Shepherd has services at 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM.

## CMO UPDATE

Our 2019 Congregation Mission Offering (CMO) to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) totaled \$26,549.43. Our congregation gives a percentage of its offerings to WELS each month. The synod uses this money to fund missions, called workers training school, and other work that we as congregation cannot accomplish on our own. To learn more about the work of our synod, check out the annual report in the Welcome Center or visit [wels.net/annualreport](http://wels.net/annualreport).

## NLHS LENT/EASTER CONCERT

*March 8 | 3:00PM*

Northland Lutheran High School will hold a concert under the theme, The Power of the Cross, on Sunday, March 8 at 3:00 PM. If you have a friend who is a music lover, be sure to invite them! Refreshments will be served after the concert.

## ATTENDANCE & OFFERING REPORT

Last Week's Attendance: 170     YTD Average attendance: 246

From July 1, 2019 to February 7, 2020

Actual ministry income:     \$654,675

Actual cost of ministry:     \$697,941     Mortgage balance:     \$1,409,584

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 19    Family Fun Night
- Feb. 26    Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 29    Kindergarten Round-Up
- March 1    Together We Shine at NLHS



# CALENDAR

*February 16-22*

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<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study in the cafeteria
	9:15 AM	Sunday School for grades 4K-6 in Room 106
	10:30 AM	Worship
	2:00 PM	Adult Co-ed Volleyball
	6:30 PM	Leadership Council in the Bible Study Room
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:30 PM	Willing Workers in the Dining Room
	6:30 PM	Worship
<b>TUESDAY</b>	6:45 AM	Men's Bible Study at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	9:45 AM	Women Walking in the Word in the Resource Center
	4:30 PM	Board of Fellowship in the Welcome Center
	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministers Peer Group in the Resource Center
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:00 AM	School Chapel Service
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Family Fun Night in the cafeteria</b>
	5:30 PM	Handbell Choir in the balcony
	6:30 PM	Bible Book Group in the Resource Center
	6:30 PM	Catechism Class in the Bible Study Room
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice in the Balcony
7:00 PM	Contemporary Choir in the Balcony	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:00 AM	Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	1:00 PM	Newsletter Assembly in the Volunteer Workroom
	6:00 PM	Men's Devotional Basketball in the gym
	6:30 PM	A People Close to God in the Bible Study Room
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