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## The Apostles Creed First Article and Meaning

**I believe in God the Almighty Father, Creator of Heaven and Earth.**

**Q.** What does this mean?

**A.** *I believe that God created me, along with all creatures. He gave to me: body and soul, eyes, ears and all the other parts of my body, my mind and all my*

*senses and preserves them as well. He gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and land, wife and children, fields, animals and all I own. Every day He abundantly provides everything I need to nourish this body and life. He protects me against all danger, shields*

*and defends me from all evil. He does all this because of His pure, fatherly and divine goodness and His mercy, not because I've earned it or deserved it. For all of this, I must thank Him, praise Him, serve Him and obey Him. Yes, this is true!*

*(From Luther's Small Catechism)*



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# HEART TO HEART

February 2008

## Pastor's Notes

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Dear friends,

Believe it or not, Lent begins February 6. I know. You have barely gotten the Christmas decorations put away and Valentine's Day hasn't arrived; however, Ash Wednesday is upon us. Lent begins early this year because Easter is March 23, about the earliest date possible. In case you have forgotten or didn't know, the date of Easter is determined this way: It is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the arrival of spring.

The reason for Easter's flexible date is because of its connection with the Old Testament Passover. On the night of that special meal Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper. Later that same evening, Jesus, our Passover Lamb, was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane. Early the next morning, which we know as Good Friday, Jesus stood trial before Roman Governor Pontius Pilate, was sentenced to death, and then was crucified on a hill outside Jerusalem. Of course, Jesus arose three days later on Easter morning to declare his power and victory over sin, Satan, and the grave itself.

Lent is a penitential season. During the forty days of the Lenten season, we Christians have a unique opportunity to reflect on why Jesus came to offer His life on the cross. It was because of our sins He died. He didn't want us to spend eternity in hell so He took upon Himself the punishment we deserve. He died that we might receive God's forgiveness and everlasting life. Such wonderful love should move us to sorrow over our sin, to heartfelt gratitude for our Savior's sacrifice, and perhaps even to tears of joy that overflow into service toward God and our neighbor.

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## Pastor's Notes cont'd

Tears are a vital part of the account of our Savior's final days before His death. That is why this year's Lenten Midweek Worship Services on Wednesdays will focus on the tears we read about in the Gospels. Sometimes they are the tears of Jesus, sometimes of a disciple or someone else. In each case, the tears tell a story and point us to heaven where all tears will be wiped away. I hope that you and your family will take the time to come each Wednesday and be reminded of our Savior's amazing love for us. Maybe you'll even be moved to tears. I look forward to seeing you. Pastor Alan

Printed below are the dates of each midweek service and the "tearful" theme that will be addressed. *Please note that all Wednesday evening services will begin at 7 PM. There will be an additional abbreviated worship service on Ash Wednesday at 12:30 PM for those who wish to come during their lunch hour to receive the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. There also will be two services offered on Good Friday at 12:30 and 7 PM.*



Those  
who sow  
in tears  
will reap  
with  
songs of  
joy.

Psalm  
126:5

## Lenten Service Schedule

Wednesday, February 6th-	Ash Wednesday & Lent	12:30 pm & 7:00 pm
Wednesday, February 13th-	Lent Service	7:00 pm
Wednesday, February 20th-	Lent Service	7:00 pm
Wednesday, February 27th-	Lent Service	7:00 pm
Wednesday, March 5th-	Lent Service	7:00 pm
Wednesday, March 12th-	Lent Service	7:00 pm
Sunday, March 16th-	Palm Sunday	8:30am & 11:00am
Thursday, March 20th	Maundy Thursday	7:00pm
Friday, March 21st-	Good Friday	12:30 pm & 7:00 pm
Sunday, March 23rd-	Easter Sunrise Service	7:00 am
	Fellowship Breakfast	8:00am
	Cantata	9:30 am
	Traditional Service	11:00 am



## Prayer List for November

### Members and Relatives

- Lonnie and Dacia Alexander (death of Lonnie's dad-custody of 10-year-old boy) by L. Guthro's son-in-law
- Sue Andes (neuromuscular)
- Nancy Aaron (surgery) and Don Aaron (ICU lungs) M. Evans
- Eva Ault (recovering from stroke and eye operation soon)
- Ken Bates (neck/back)
- Trudy Bauroth (heart) H. Hahn's sister
- Barbara Brault (Parkinson's) Sue Andes' mom
- Josephine Cavuoti (heart) M. Palumbo's mom
- John Cline at home (Parkinson's)
- Collin Evans (cerebral palsy and seizures) Heidi's godson
- Jimmy Flateau (health issues)
- Joanne Graeler (broken hip) B. Graeler
- Don Hodgson (mysterious fever) Claude and Ruth
- Jasmine Ibarra (developmental/growth issues) DJ's granddaughter
- Frank LaRoche (on oxygen) Shirley Jackson's cousin
- Ed and Marilyn Mengerink (health issues)
- Sierra O'Neil (CAT scan headaches) H. Hahn's granddaughter
- Carol Prins (eyesight)
- Helen Ramsammy (general health)
- Ken Schamens (surgery on 1/22)
- Peggy Smythe (eyesight-Diabetes) S. Mazur's sister
- Haaken Spieberg (surgery on index finger) R. Chiarelli's brother
- Marlene Stieve (breast cancer) Lana's aunt
- David Tilney (removing thyroid/cancer) M. Palumbo's son-in-law
- Dorothy Tilton (cancer) April's mom
- Ian Trutt (broke both legs in a fall at school) H. Hahn's grandson
- William Wiebold (developmental)

- Doris Wollam (tests for serious health problems)

### Friends

- Mark Alexander (prostate cancer) by Marge Evans
- Roger Augliera (esophageal cancer) by M. Palumbo
- Matt Byler (leukemia, looking for bone marrow donor) husband of DCE Jessica Byler at First Lutheran
- Dana Cavarello (Stage four ovarian cancer)
- Trammell Dicks (serious auto accident) by M. Buth
- Bob Dillon (kidney problem) by H. Hahn
- Betty Dillon (Heart problems)
- Karl Eisenberg (non-Hodgkins lymphoma; pray that he comes to the Lord) by P. Mandeville
- Jim Granfor (cancer/chemo) by Pastor Alan
- Preston Green (bone marrow transplant) by D. Gravenstein
- Caroline Lewis (hospital) friend of Marie G.
- Yvonne Lingo (recovering from brain surgery/shingles)
- Mary Pauli (staph) related to customer of S. Buth
- Dr. John Piro (Stroke) by Glen Turner
- Virginia Stuber (heart surgery/lung cancer) by H. Hahn
- Jackie Whitworth (lung cancer) by K. Herder

**Sympathy:** Pearl Condit Family; Monte Eady family (Phyllis Leone's father); June Strong family

### Pray for our Pastors and their families

**Pray for victims of disasters (storms, fire, flood, etc.)**

### Pray for Divorce Ministry

**Pray for our leaders and our country**

**Pray for our military serving in harms way:** Jonathan Traina, Karl Kuga, Jeremiah Wagner

Prayer requests can be phoned into the church (331-4409) or Muriel Young (332-1386).

**Liturgical Ministries**

<b><u>Greeters</u></b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>
February 3	Vi Cates	Bob & Fran Jacobs
February 10	Vi Cates	John & Laurie Knuth
February 17	Paul & Beth Graeler	Bill & Marge Evans
February 24	Paul & Beth Graeler	Marie Giancaterino
<b><u>Ushers</u></b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>
February 3	Tom T., Claude H., Paul & Vicki S.	Available ushers
February 10	Bob G., Chris A., Dave & Susan B.	Available ushers
February 17	Bob G., Chris A., Dave & Susan B.	Available ushers
February 24	Flateau family, Don & Derek B.	Available ushers
<b><u>Readers</u></b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>
February 3	Patti Bolser	Phyllis Leone
February 10	Diane Hoffman	Eva Ault
February 17	Chris Annis	Bette Pring
February 24	Linda Gouthro	Len Young
<b><u>Alcolytes</u></b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>
February 3	Kathleen L.	Katia G.
February 10	Nick S.	Chris M.
February 17	John D.	
February 24	Zoey H.	Katia G.



*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

John 3:16



**Altar Committee**

**Altar Team for FEBRUARY** Muriel Young (chair) Laurie Knuth, JoAnne Peterson, DeeAnn Gravenstein

**Altar Team for MARCH** Phyllis Leone (chair), Charlene Gault, Vi Cates, Annetta Coleman, Brenda Goode

**Construction Update**

Greetings,

Brrr, it has been chilly out. Awesome building weather. As long as it is above 38 degrees or so everyone seems to be fine. Progress has been Great!!

The building shape is now quite apparent. The roof and building lines are at least 90 percent complete. Only the drive through entry and handicap ramp are left to be added.

The windows are to be arriving soon and will be installed for another phase of completion. They will be tinted, insulated and have low E glass for maximum energy efficiency.

All the subcontractors are busy on the interior with the in-

frastructure of the building. Not much from the exterior will be apparent, but the interior is changing dramatically. This phase can take some time, as the subs are scheduled not to be in each others' way. From electrical conduits, switches, receptacles and panels to plumbing pipes and stacks to the HVAC units coming in, the interior is really looking great.

The exterior brick is being ordered, so those of you waiting to order your commemorative bricks from Kathy Prevatt should do so soon!!

The brick work will start soon af-

ter the windows and exterior door frames are installed.

It has been decided to install a metal roof on the Scholz Family Life Center. It will be a standing seam type roof with hidden fasteners. The expected life of the roof is over 40 years. It will serve us well.

Signing off for now,  
Come by the site and visit,

Ed Herder



*By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds.*

1 Corinthians 3:10



## Meditation Trail

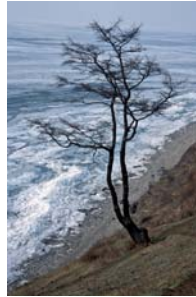
Till Hell Freezes Over

As I was walking along the trail one day I began thinking. We often hear the expression that something won't happen until hell freezes over. So if hell did freeze over, would that be a good thing or a bad thing? Could

people survive or tolerate snow and ice better than fire and brimstone? And what effect is global warming having on conditions in hell? About then I got to another branch I had to move off the trail, so I got back to work! See you on the trail (if my mind isn't wandering

off somewhere else).

Mike Hein (Head Mulch Mover) at 372-1500 (work), 332-0830 (home), or hein@waterandair.com.



*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39*

## Youth News

OK ... I am going to do something I am not very good at ... I am going to ask for help!! This week begins the madness that is my spring schedule at work. Pastor EN has graciously stepped in and is taking the youth group on weekends that I will be traveling so our youth can still have meetings each week. I would, however like to go ahead

and have meals scheduled to come so that all he has to worry about are games and lessons. Meals can be very simple ... some main dish and a vegetable and/or dessert. I promise this group of kids are not picky eaters!!! The schedule is to eat first at 5 p.m., then have lesson and then covered for Feb. 10

and 17 and March 16. We just need volunteers for Feb. 24, March 2, 9 and 30. Please contact me at (352) 682-5162 or hider\_j@hotmail.com.

We are now studying water and anyone is welcome to join us! We have a great time!!!



## Fellowship Opportunities

### Young At Heart

Bible Study on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday Every Month at 10AM at the church.

### JOY (Just Older Youngsters)

When: The first Friday each month at 11:30

Why: To meet new people, make friends, celebrate friendships and play games. Bring a sandwich.

Contact Fran Jacobs at (386) 462-4558

### High Spring Bible Study

3rd Tuesday of Every Month

Come join us for fellowship and Bible study in a relaxed atmosphere.

We'd love to have you!

Contact Laurie Knuth for directions or questions (386) 454-4360

### OWLS (Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors):

Contact Fran Jacobs at (386) 462-4558 for the latest information on OWLS activities.

### Men's Bible Study

Join your brothers in Christ for bible study and fellowship on the last Saturday of each month at 8 a.m. Contact Pastor Nevis for more information.

### Youth Meal and Bible Study

All youth sixth grade and up join together for games, Bible study (we are currently talking about water in the Old and New Testament and how it relates to us today) and dinner. Contact Heidi Johnson at hider\_j@hotmail.com for more information.

### Wednesday Night Meals

Kjersten Terry and Susan Moss are preparing meals for all that are taking part in Wednesday night activities. Wednesday nights include music ministry rehearsals, confirmation classes and Bible studies! Call the church office for more information.

### Divorce Care

Please contact Tom Tappy for more information



*We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 1 John 1:3*



**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1  11:30 am JOY	2
3  8:30 Contemporary Service 11:00 Traditional Svc. Youth 5-7	4	5  7:00 pm  Preschool Pie Supper	6  12:30pm & 7:00pm  Ash Wed. & Lent Svcs.	7	8	9
10  8:30 Contemporary Service 11:00 Traditional Svc. Youth 5-7 Truth Project 7pm	11  12:00 Pre-school Team Mtg  7:00- OM Mtg.	12  10:00 am  Young at Heart	13  7:00 pm  Lent Svc.	14	15	16
17  8:30 Contemporary Service 11:00 Traditional Svc. Youth 5-7 Truth Project 7pm	18  Presidents Day-  School Holiday	19  High Springs Bible Study	20  7:00pm  Lent Svc.	21	22  10:00 am  Helping Hands Ministry	23  8:00am  Men's Bible Study
24  8:30 Contemporary Service 11:00 Traditional Svc. Youth 5-7 Truth Project 7pm	25	26  10:00 am  Young at Heart	27  7:00 pm  Lent Svc.	28	29	

2/1- Austin Struckmeyer

2/8- Anna Moss

2/9- Alice Crosby, Chris Moss, Helen Ramsammy

2/11- Allison Fissenden, Max Gravenstein

2/14-James Ripley

2/15- Christopher Bates

2/16- Kathryn Yachnis

2/17-Kristie Bolick, Loren Terry

2/18-Camden Fissenden, Linda Struckmeyer, Dennis Waldkoetter

2/20-Valerie Werning

2/21- Kerry Pett

2/22-Beth Graeler

2/25-Robert Goetz

2/26-Diane Warfield

2/27-Joe Andes, John Pett, John Werning

2/29-Roxanne Cline

**ANNIVERSARIES**

2/10- Mike & Gabi Hein

2/19- Bill & Dee Carman

2/28-Jon & Lisa Wiebold

**Music Ministry News**

Well, this is a rather unique year. By the time you get this, we will probably already have begun our journey through this year's Lenten season. In fact, we only had about four weeks between the "official" end of the Christmas season, and Ash Wednesday - the "official" beginning of the Lenten season. So, those of us involved in the music ministry were already busily preparing for Holy Week and Easter on January 2!!!

The Senior Choir is well into preparations for this year's Easter cantata. It's an absolutely gorgeous musical presentation of events surrounding the passion, death, and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ, entitled "risen this day" (no capitalization). It's a choir favorite we presented a couple years ago. One of the featured pieces is an original arrangement of John Stainer's well-known anthem, "God So Loved the World" (John 3:16). Our current plans are to present the cantata, along with a couple pieces by our children's choirs, between the early Service and late Service on Easter Sunday, March 23. We'll also plan on having the choir sing some excerpts from the cantata during our

usual Wednesday mid-week prayer services during the Lenten season.

Daryl Pring has also spearheaded an initiative to have a couple special pieces presented by a men's chorus - something like we did this last Mother's Day. We'll try to work up a piece or two for Lent and Easter. So, if you are a man of the congregation, and not currently involved in the music ministry, this would be a chance to get involved without committing to participation in one of our regular Sunday choirs. If you're interested, see Daryl or me for details as soon as possible. The "train may already have left the station" by the time you read this newsletter!

Well, that's about it for now. Praise God for the gift of music!!

Eli



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
**DAVE AND BARB ANDERSON WILL BE AT ABIDING SAVIOR IN CONCERT ON MARCH 4, 2008 AT 7:00PM**

**Dave and Barb share the Rescue Story everywhere they go. God has used their ministry to share miracles of ministry especially those facing "impossible" circumstances.**

## The Truth Project

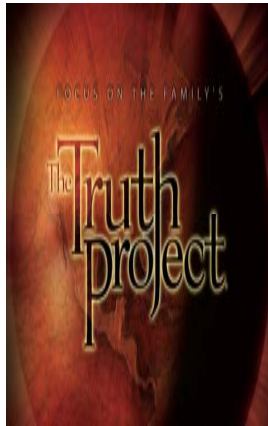
In a study done a couple of years ago, the Barna Research Group revealed a stunning statistic that very few professing Christians have a truly biblical worldview. Because of this, today's believers live very similarly to nonbelievers. A personal sense of significance is rarely experienced, money is spent on things that fail to satisfy, and many people question what the purpose of life really is.

To counter this slide within the Body of Christ, Focus on the Family has launched *The Truth Project*. This ambitious program is a DVD-based small group curriculum comprised of 12 one-hour lessons taught by Dr. Del Tackett. This study looks at life from a biblical perspective. Each lesson discusses in great detail the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life.

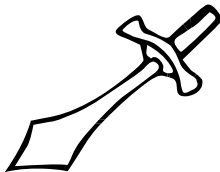
You are encouraged to go online and check out the website for more information: [www.thetruthproject.org](http://www.thetruthproject.org).

*The Truth Project* sessions will be conducted on Sunday evenings, beginning February 10, at Abiding Savior from 7:00-8:45 PM. Snacks and fellowship will be offered starting at 6:30 PM.

If you have questions, please contact Pastor Alan.



*Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.*  
Psalms 25:5



## General Announcements

Watch this space for general announcements, help wanted, address changes, thank yous, etc. If you have something for this section please email to [hider\\_j@hotmail.com](mailto:hider_j@hotmail.com) by the 20th of each month.

**JOY GROUP.....**will meet on March 7 at 11:30 at Pomodoros restaurant. It's located in the Publix Shopping Center on 39th across from Sonnys. After lunch we will meet at church for games and fellowship. All are welcome for one or both. Any questions call Fran Jacobs at 386- 462-4558.

**O.W.L.S.....** ARE PLANNING ANOTHER THEATER OUTING...to see HELLO DOLLY at the Gainesville Community Playhouse, on March 28. We will meet for dinner at the Golden Lights restaurant at 6:00 pm. Marge Ev-

ans is handling the ticket arrangements. Call her at 352-332-4616 if you are interested in going. It should be a fun evening.

### YOUNG AT

**HEART.....**is meeting the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in March at 10:00 am, for Bible study and fellowship. Come join us at the church and tour the progress of our new building.

### DIVORCE CARE ...

begins on Feb. 6 and will last through May. The facilitators for the adult group are Paul and Julianne Witte and Tom Tappy. Ritzy Ettinger will be facilitating the DivorceCare for Kids program. We are always looking for new facilitators who we can train to join use in this very rewarding ministry.

### HELPING HANDS ...

Sue Andes is taking orders

for Angel Food. For \$30 a month, you can order a bundle of food that includes meat and vegetable choices, fresh, frozen and prepackaged food items. There are deadlines for ordering. Please see Sue Andes or call her at (352)472-3786 for more information. There is no income or age requirement for this program. It is open to everyone and food items you don't want can be donated to the food pantry, Wednesday night dinners or Youth dinners. Heidi says: "My family in Missouri has ordered from Angel food for years and they LOVE it! Check it out!"

