



MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER
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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DAN

[From the Small Catechism]

The First Article of the Apostle's Creed:

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

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that
He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all
my members, my reason and all my senses, and still
takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink,
house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and
all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all I
need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and
protects me from all evil.

The Central Thought:

As creatures, we need certain basic necessities to
nourish and support our life on earth. God Himself
provides these necessities for me, and all His creatures.

*The basic necessities of life come from God, our Creator
& Maker:*

Psalm 104:10-30

He makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows
between the mountains.

[11] They give water to all the beasts of the field; the
wild donkeys quench their thirst.

[12] The birds of the air nest by the waters; they sing
among the branches.

[13] He waters the mountains from his upper chambers;
the earth is satisfied by the fruit of his work.

[14] He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for
man to cultivate bringing forth food from the earth:

[15] wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his
face shine, and bread that sustains his heart.

[16] The trees of the Lord are well watered, the cedars of
Lebanon that he planted.

[17] There the birds make their nests; the stork has its
home in the pine trees.

[18] The high mountains belong to the wild goats; the
crags are a refuge for the coney.

[19] The moon marks off the seasons, and the sun knows
when to go down.

[20] You bring darkness, it becomes night, and all the
beasts of the forest prowl.

[21] The lions roar for their prey and seek their food
from God.

[22] The sun rises, and they steal away they return and
lie down in their dens.

[23] Then man goes out to his work, to his labor until
evening.

[24] How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you
made them all the earth is full of your creatures.

[25] There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with
creatures beyond number living things both large and
small.

[26] There the ships go to and fro, and the leviathan,
which you formed to frolic there.

[27] These all look to you to give them their food at the
proper time.

[28] When you give it to them, they gather it up when
you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

[29] When you hide your face, they are terrified when
you take away their breath, they die and return to the
dust.

[30] When you send your Spirit, they are created, and
you renew the face of the earth.

As Christians, we confess that God provides for us
each and every day by working in and through His
creation.

Does God continue to be involved within His creation?

Yes, God remains present and active within His
creation, constantly looking after it and creating new life
within it.

Jeremiah 23:23-24

"Am I only a God nearby," declares the Lord, "and not
a God far away?"

[24] Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot
see him?" declares the Lord. "Do not I fill heaven and
earth?" declares the Lord.

Acts 17:27-28

God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps
reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from
each one of us. [28] For in him we live and move and



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have our being.' As some of your own poets have said,
'We are his offspring.'

Job 12:10

In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath
of all mankind.

Hebrews 1:3

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact
representation of his being, sustaining all things by his
powerful word. After he had provided purification for
sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in
heaven.

Col. 1:17

He is before all things, and in him all things hold
together.

Genesis 8:22

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest,
cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night
will never cease."

Deut. 11:12

It is a land the Lord your God cares for; the eyes of
the Lord your God are continually on it from the
beginning of the year to its end.

Proverbs 15:3

The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch
on the wicked and the good.

Isaiah 40:12

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his
hand, or with the breadth of his hand marked off the
heavens? Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket,
or weighed the mountains on the scales and the hills in a
balance?

*These Scriptures teach us that God cares for His entire
creation, He provides for His entire nonhuman creation;*

Psalm 145:15-16

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food
at the proper time.

[16] You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every
living thing.

Matthew 6:26

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or
store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds
them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

*God provides for all people, even those who fail to
acknowledge Him;*

Matthew 5:45

that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He
causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends
rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

Acts 14:16-17

In the past, he let all nations go their own way. [17]
Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has
shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and
crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of
food and fills your hearts with joy."

God provides for us, who are His children in Christ.

Philip. 4:19

And my God will meet all your needs according to his
glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

1 Peter 5:7

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

What does God provide for body and life?

Psalm 104:14-15

He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to
cultivate bringing forth food from the earth
[15] wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his
face shine, and bread that sustains his heart.

*God provides clothing and shoes for protection and for
modesty.*

Genesis 3:21

The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and
his wife and clothed them.

Deut. 10:18

He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow,
and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing.



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God provides house and home for shelter, security, and hospitality.

Psalm 68:6

God sets the lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

God provides families [and friends] to help us bear one another's burdens.

Proverbs 17:17

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

What else does God do to take care of us? God protects us from danger and evil.

Psalm 121:2 & 7

My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. The Lord will keep you from all harm he will watch over your life;

Exodus 13:14

"In days to come, when your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' say to him, 'With a mighty hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.'

God is at work in all things for our good.

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

How does God provide for me and protect me each day? God uses His entire creation in caring for me, including angels, parents, government, land, weather, and animals.

Genesis 1:11

Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so.

Genesis 9:3

Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.

Romans 13:1

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Connections & Applications:

If our gracious Creator provides for all of our needs and protects us from all evil, why do suffering and death exist in the world?

Our first parents [prompted by the devil] brought evil and suffering into the world by rebelling against God. Sinful activity continues to cause tremendous suffering throughout the world.

John 8:44

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned--

God punished human rebellion by cursing the earth: even though the earth sustains life, God's judgment is also evident [storms, pests, earthquakes, and diseases.]
Genesis 3:17-19

To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' 'Cursed is the ground because of you through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. [18] It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. [19] By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken for dust you are and to dust you will return."

Romans 8:20-22

For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope [21] that the creation itself will be liberated from



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its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

[22] We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

Therefore, we need to repent of our sin, trust God's promise of forgiveness in Christ, care for those who suffer, and pray of God's restoration of all things when Christ comes again.

Luke 13:1-5

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. [2] Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? [3] I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. [4] Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them--do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? [5] I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

Why do some of us experience more suffering and misfortune than others? In some cases, we bring suffering on ourselves as a consequence of our sins.

Galatians 6:7

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

James 4:1-2

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? [2] You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God.

In many cases, we do not know why God allows some to suffer more than others. Those reasons remain hidden in God, whose purposes are often beyond our understanding, just as those who saw Jesus suffer were not at the time aware of God's great and loving purpose behind the cross.

Isaiah 55:8-9

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.

[9] "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Deut. 29:29

The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.

Therefore, we should take our complaints and sorrows to God, rejoice when we share in Christ's sufferings, pray for His help, care for those who suffer, and commend ourselves and others into His merciful hands.

Psalms 130:1-2

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord [2] O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

1 Peter 4:12-13

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. [13] But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

What is God doing about all the suffering and death in the world?

God does not allow evil to have the final word. He daily brings forth new life in the midst of and in spite of all the sin and death in the world.

Genesis 8:22

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

Acts 14:16-17

In the past, he let all nations go their own way. [17] Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has



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shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy."

On the cross, Christ took all of our suffering into Himself. By His death, Christ overcomes our suffering and death. In His resurrection from the dead, Christ gives eternal life to all who trust in Him, even to those who are suffering.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Isaiah 53:3-4

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. [4] Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

John 11:25

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

God is working out all things for His gracious purposes and for the well-being of His Church, even though we cannot always see this.

Genesis 50:20

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Romans 5:3-5

Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; [4] perseverance, character; and character, hope. [5] And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Romans 8:28-29

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called

according to his purpose. [29] For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

When Jesus returns, God will free His children from all suffering, and with them, the entire creation.

Romans 8:18-21

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. [19] The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. [20] For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope [21] that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

Rev. 21:4

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

What are some false beliefs about God's presence and activity in the world?

Atheism denies the existence, presence, and activity in the world.

Agnosticism expresses uncertainty about whether there is a God or how God is present and active in the world.

Deism denies God's daily activity within the world by contending that once He created the world, He then left it alone to run like a machine.

Pantheism maintains that everything is God, thus denying the redemptive intervention of God from outside of creation.

CATECHISM SCHEDULE DURING LENT

During regular Wednesday Lenten Services (March 6th, 13th, 20th, April 3rd, & April 10th) Confirmation Service will be from 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM. There will also be Catechism instruction on Sunday mornings from 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM.



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LENTEN SERVICES

- Confirmation kids are required to attend these services.
- March 6th 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday (Communion)
- March 13th 7:00 PM Lenten Worship
- March 20th 7:00 PM Lenten Worship
- April 3rd 7:00 PM Lenten Worship
- April 10th 7:00 PM Lenten Worship
- April 14th 10:00 AM Palm Sunday (Communion)
- April 18th 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday (Communion)
- April 19th 7:00 PM Good Friday (Communion)
- April 21st 10:00 AM Easter Sunday (Communion)

MEMORIAL CROSS

Northland has a Memorial Cross in the Narthex. The Memorial Cross has plaques with the names of people who have given money in memory of their loved ones. Each plaque is a minimum of \$100 with the money going to the Fundraising Fund of Northland Church. If you are interested in having a plaque put on the cross in memory of your loved one please contact Laura Krogwold 715-412-0799.

COUNCIL MEETING

The March council meeting will be on Sunday, March 10th following Worship. If you are unable to attend this meeting please contact Bill Hahn at 920-840-5275.

If you have an item or issue to bring forth at the council meeting please contact Bill Hahn or a council member before March 3rd so your item can be put on the agenda for the meeting.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Northland Church Council Meeting
February 10, 2019

Members present Bill Hahn, Marilyn Mitchell, Greg Krogwold, Roger Olson, Sandy Witkowski, Kevin Dahle, Daniele Oligney, Craig Anderson, Pastor Dan, Dianne Erickson

Bill Hahn Council President opened meeting
Pastor Dan opened with a prayer.

Secretaries report was read (Dec. 2018) Motion made by Sandy W. to accept 2nd by Greg K. motion carried

2018 Annual Meeting Minutes were read. Motion made by Kevin Dahle to accept 2nd by Marilyn M. Motion carried.

Treasures report was read by Daniele. Cash Flow report showed a **-\$2,655.31 balance**. January 31st checkbook bal. \$3,408.87. Savings account bal. \$27,178.16. Motion made by Roger O. to accept report 2nd by Kevin D. Motion carried.

Old Business

Benevolence \$6,500.00, Mother's Day, Father's Day Special Offerings, Lent Wednesday Offering, Bring to March meeting ideas as to Distribution of these monies.

Pastor gave his report for December 2018 and January 2019.

Laura asked that a rental agreement for building use be made. More discussion is needed.

Discussion on Building and Ground Committee Chairman Tobias Gross and Co-Chair Sandy Witkowski, They will need to prioritize repairs and return to Council. Volunteers will be needed for repairs, notice will be put in bulletin.

Discussion on a Bible Study during Sunday School time more discussion till next meeting.

A short skit will be done during Lent Sunday church service motion made by Dianne E. 2nd by Craig A. Motion Carried

Discussion on Front Door.

Discussion about Pig Roast, a date in June will be looked into. A motion to have a Roast and proceeds will go to general fund with Council to decide on distribution by Kevin D. 2nd by Greg K. Motion Carried.

Minutes from Ladies meeting were read.

Discussion on Projector for basement. Craig A. will do more looking into and Dianne E. will look into an Electrician.

Discussion on Personnel Committee. Committee will consist of Bill H. and Greg K.

Mother's Day Service will include Rev. Tom Stamman (Impact Ministries International) he will do the sermon.

Motion made to adjourn by Roger O. 2nd by Marilyn M. Motion carried.

Closed with Lord's Prayer.

These Minutes have not been approved. Dianne Erickson



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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the April 2019 Newsletter will be March 14th. Help us save postage by having your newsletter emailed to you. Thank you

THANK YOU

The Northland Council would like to extend a thank you to Carrie Powell for serving as our Treasurer over the past few years. Thank you for your hard work.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The Northland Council has formed a Building & Grounds Committee. This committee will prioritize and manage the variety of projects that need to be done at our church for safety and general improvements. If you are interested in joining the committee or have any concerns, please contact Sandy Witkowski 715-570-2510 or Greg Krogwold at 715-570-2710. Thank You.

NORTHLAND CHURCH WOMEN

The Northland Church women will be meeting on Tuesday, March 5th starting at 1:30 PM. (Note date change due to Lenten Worship.) This will be community Serving, so please bring a dish to pass!!

AA MEETING

Every Thursday at 7:00 PM, Alcoholics Anonymous meets in the church basement. If you need help or know someone who needs help please stop in, this group of people is there to help because they care.

TUESDAY QUILTERS

Like to sew? Like to Socialize? Then the Tuesday Quilters might be right for you. This is a group of ladies from the area that enjoy the art of quilting. They meet in the Church basement from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, March 19th. If you have questions please contact Dianne Erickson at 715-677-4683.

MARCH 2019 AT A GLANCE

MARCH ALTAR: Fran Moen & Dianna Anderson
MARCH USHER: Dean & Carson Lashua
MARCH OFFERING COUNTERS: Bruce & Marilyn Mitchell

PROJECTOR OPERATORS FOR MARCH

March 3rd- Carl T.
March 6th Krogwold
March 10th Dale T.
March 17th Kevin D.
March 24th Bruce M.
March 31st Carl T.

SERVING AFTER WORSHIP IN MARCH

March 3rd- Melum Family
March 10th Thompson Family
March 17th Anderson Family
March 24th Hahn Family
March 31st Weber/Olson Family

UPCOMING

APRIL 2019 AT A GLANCE...

APRIL ALTAR: Marilyn Mitchell

APRIL USHER: John Overdahl

APRIL OFFERING COUNTERS: Dawn Lashua

PROJECTOR OPERATORS FOR APRIL

APRIL 7th Craig A.
APRIL 14th Krogwold (Palm Sunday)
APRIL 18th Krogwold (Maundy Thursday)
APRIL 19th Krogwold (Good Friday)
APRIL 21st Krogwold (Easter)
APRIL 28th Krogwold (Last Day of Sunday School)

SERVING AFTER WORSHIP IN APRIL

APRIL 7th Pagel Family
APRIL 14th Lashua Family
APRIL 21st No Serving
APRIL 28th Last Day of Sunday School. Potluck.
Bring a dish to pass.

**THE JPS MAN IS
COMING...**
Coming Sunday to Northland during Lent the JPS Delivery man will be making a special appearance in attempts to deliver a special package!!!



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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3rd Nikki Richtmeyre
- 4th Carson Lashua, David Behnke, Robert M Lashua
- 5th Janet Gunderson, Jeremy Whitaker, Matthew Whitaker, Nicole Whitaker
- 6th Jameson Heschke
- 8th Saguara Foley
- 10th Julie Maher
- 13th Agnes Thompson
- 11th Ella Thompson
- 15th Bobbie Jo Peterson
- 16th Paige Norquay
- 18th Sonia Lee
- 19th Laura Karolus
- 27th Nicole Wagler, Tara Warren
- 28th John Evans
- 29th Mark Melum
- 31st Luke Van Epern


If you have not seen your birthday listed in the newsletter please call or email the church office at (715) 445-2956 or email at northlandchurch@hotmail.com.

STANDING TALL

How does your physical stature or lack of it affect your daily life? Maybe you have to stoop under certain doorways. Or maybe you buy shoes that make you taller.

Now consider your spiritual "height." Do you, like young Jesus, strive to grow each day — in wisdom, if not in stature? What "giants" make you feel inadequate?

When "the battle is the LORD's" (1 Samuel 17:47), as young David told Goliath before slaying him, human size doesn't matter. Because we serve a "big" God who lives in us and works through us, we can stand tall and confident in his strength. No matter our physical height, let's use every opportunity to reach up and step out as Jesus' hands and feet.



The psalmist's prayer

The Psalms are full of wonderful verses about God's care and protection.

*Directions: Find each missing letter in the alphabets below.
Use the resulting words to complete Psalm 86:7, NIV.*

A B C E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z	___
A B C D E F G H J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z	___
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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S U V W X Y Z	___
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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q S T U V W X Y Z	___

When I am in _____, I _____ to you,
because you _____ me. Psalm 86:7, NIV

Answer: When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me. Psalm 86:7, NIV

LIVING SACRIFICES

To search our souls, to meditate, will not suffice for Lent.
To share the cross, to sacrifice these are the things God meant.
—Jane McKay Lanning