



THE REPORTER

*When the time came for their purification
according to the Law of Moses,
they brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem
to present Him to the Lord.
(Luke 2:22)*

The month of February is known as the month of love. St. Valentine's Day serves as the heart of the month. In the Church Year, the month begins with the celebration of the Feast of the Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord. This Feast is celebrated on February 2 and also known as Candlemas.

In ancient custom, candles were brought to the church to be blessed. These candles serve as a symbol of Christ as the Light of the world (John 8:12). We use this time to reflect on Jesus as the Light of the world—the Light which the darkness cannot overcome (John 1:5).

With this Feast, we recognize and celebrate both the Incarnation and the Virgin birth. We also celebrate Jesus fulfilling the Levitical laws surrounding childbirth. Under the Mosaic Law, when a child is born, mother and child are ceremonially unclean until the time of their purification. For a son, this was forty days after birth (Leviticus 12:2-4). The firstborn child is to be set apart for the LORD (Exodus 13:12).

As Mary's firstborn son, Jesus fulfills the Law for every child. As the Son of God, the "firstborn of all creation" (Colossians 1:15), He fulfills the Law for every firstborn.

His fulfillment of these laws shows His love for you. His love fulfills even the most minute detail of the Law. His love fills the entirety of your life. His love purifies you. Jesus was presented before the LORD at the Jerusalem Temple so that He might present you before Him in Heaven.

The Presentation of Our Lord shows us a greater love than we can even imagine from Valentine's Day. A love that has been since before the foundation of the world (John 17:14). A love that will last long after the heavens and the earth pass away (Luke 21:33).

In Christ,

Rev. Doug Minton

Men's Bible Breakfast

We will conclude the study the *Psalms of the Messiah* on February 8 at 8am.. Dennis S will be our host. This month, we will focus on Psalm 144. All men of the congregation are encouraged to join us.

Reading through the Confessions

In February, our readings from the Confessions discuss Free Will. What do the Lutheran Confessions say about man's free will? "A person's will has some freedom to choose civil righteousness and to do things subject to reason. It has no power, without the Holy Spirit, to work the righteousness of God, that is, spiritual righteousness" (AC XVIII 1-2).

Lutheran Hour Ministry Sunday

St. John's, Buckley is celebrating LHM Sunday on March 9 at 11am. Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler will be the guest speaker. Lunch will be served after the service in the school gym. Please let Pastor know by March 2 if you plan to attend for a meal count.

Wednesday Meal and Fellowship

Wednesday meal will resume on Wednesday, February 5th at 6pm. We will have a Chili Cook Off. Dust off the chili recipes and let Renee know if you are willing to make a pot of your favorite chili. Or, you can supply shredded cheese and crackers.

Radio Sponsorship

If you have a special day you would like recognized, you can sponsor a Sunday morning radio broadcast. The cost for us to broadcast our service each week is \$150. Radio sponsorship donation is \$75 or more. Give donation and date sponsoring to Renee anytime throughout the year.

Radio Service Broadcasts

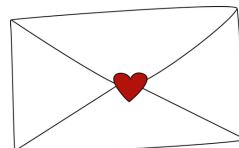
As the weather is cooler, you may not be able to get to church. Our Sunday services can be heard live each Sunday at 9am on WHPO 100.9, WIQI 95.9, and also on our website at www.oursaviormilford.com. You can hear the rebroadcast of our weekly services on WHPO 100.9 each Sunday at 5pm.

Central Illinois District

Have you wondered about the "goings on" in the District? Head to cidlcms.org! There you can find all the information about news and events in the district, learn about missions, be directed to resources on a variety of topics, and much more. You can even sign up for newsletters from the District! There are two options - The Gatepost or News You Can Use - or sign up for both! To sign up, start on the home page, click on News and Events, choose your publication and enter your email. This is a wonderful way to know what is going on in the District.

Remember Those Unable to be with Us on Sunday Morning

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Weekly Bible Verse Challenge for February**Week of February 2, 2025****1 John 1:7**

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Week of February 9, 2025**1 Chronicles 16:25–26**

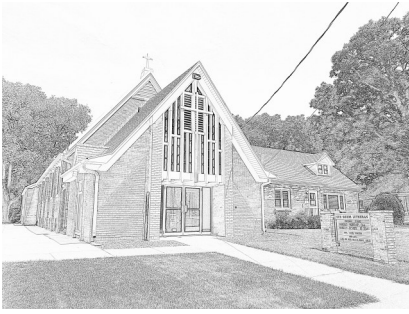
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Week of February 16, 2025**Numbers 23:19**

God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

Week of February 23, 2025**Deuteronomy 31:6**

Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.



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Worship Service 9:00 am
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
10:30 am

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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**Join Us Every Sunday Morning for Service
starting at 9:00 am**

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