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Fountain

A fountain, or well, symbolizes Jesus, our living water. Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well that everyone who drinks the water he gives will never thirst again. It "will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life," Jesus said (see John 4:14, NRSV).

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CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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The Parable of the Lost Ring

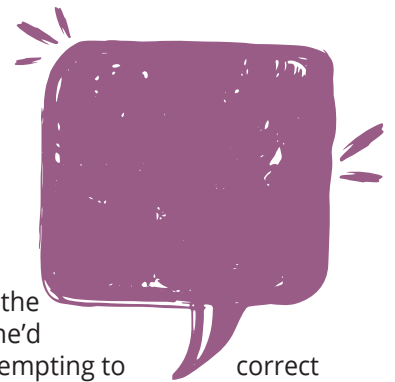
Only three years after Paula and Joe Walter married, her wedding ring was lost as she played catch with their son. Naturally, she was heartbroken. Over the years, whenever family and friends gathered in the back yard, she urged everyone to look for the ring — but to no avail. Because the yard borders on woods, Paula feared the ring had flown into the trees, never to be seen again.

But just before the couple's 40th anniversary, landscapers hired to do work in the yard brought her a surprise: They'd found the ring — right where Paula had been playing with her child so

long ago! Like the woman in Jesus' parable who finally found her lost coin (Luke 15:8-10), Paula rejoiced. God too searches until every person who has strayed or been flung away from the faith is found.

Sometimes the place we rediscover faith is right where we've looked before. What makes the difference? A different person helping us search? Light shining in a different way? We may never know. We simply rejoice — and so does God.

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Fasting from Criticalness

Most fasting involves temporarily giving up something you enjoy. When you long for a cookie or a favorite show, you instead turn your attention to God, reorienting yourself to his best.

Catherine Marshall, in *A Closer Walk*, presents a different approach she calls fasting from "criticalness." God dealt with her judgmental spirit by prompting her to spend 24 hours without criticizing "anyone about anything." At first, Marshall felt rather empty when she didn't engage in a heated political debate. But friends and family didn't seem to miss her comments. Plus, God

replaced the energy she'd spent attempting to others with energy to positively influence them. correct and creativity

A critical spirit can make us lose perspective, joy and even relationships. It also can prevent the good work God wants to achieve through us. Consider what could happen as a result of your own "criticalness fast." Pray for God to do the correcting while you focus on building up others.

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Letter from Pastor Hayley

I can't believe the first month of 2021 is already gone and here we are in February. This February will be a little different than last year, as we are still in the midst of the pandemic. This means the way we celebrate Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday will be different from last year.

Last year we were able to physically gather as a congregation to remind ourselves that we are from dust and to dust we shall return. I was able to mark your foreheads with a cross of ashes. However, as we all know, this year it will be a lot different from other years as we are not able to gather together this Ash Wednesday.

So I had to think outside of the box for a way to remind ourselves that, while we are indeed finite beings, God blesses our journey along the way. So this year I will be sending ashes to your household so that you can still be a part of the Ash Wednesday service in your home. Make sure you mix your ashes with olive oil and not water, as it otherwise might irritate your skin.

As we begin this Lenten season, we are reminded that this will be our second Lenten season with this pandemic. But the difference between last year and this year is that now the COVID vaccines have started and now we have hope that we will be able to gather again. So as we dream of being together again, let us reflect on why we gather, and how we can challenge ourselves to spread the gospel to our neighbors. And since these are extraordinary times, we may have to think outside the box.

But whatever we do and however we do it, we trust God will lead us with the Holy Spirit. These unique times will challenge us to do ministries in unique ways. What shall we do? Let's be creative! I am all ears, so let me hear your thoughts!

In Christ, Pastor Hayley

Bible Quiz



What was the name of Moses' wife?

- A. Miriam
- B. Jochebed
- C. Zipporah
- D. Leah

Answer: C (See Exodus 2:21.)

God is
Love

-1 John 4:16

Please Pray for These Loved Ones

Donna Archer, Karen Bartholomew, Fred Behnke, Kathleen Bhargava, Chris Brooks, Maggie Brower, Young Hee Choi, Lillian Cooper, Ken Cutler, Ron DePue, Rich Dugan, the Fernandez Family, Al Frielink, Krista Fuchs, Robyn Garfield, Mark Hallwell, Mary Carolyn Harrison, Diane Hesse, Jae Hee Kim, Terry Klotz, Nadine Kohn, Soon Hoi Koo, Dennis and Jennifer Kruk, Anna and Walter Kruk, Bill Kyritz, Rich Lindeberg, Renee Lomelino, Kaethe Lorch, Marie Lupinski, Dennis Marinkovich, Dorothy Mulroe, Emma and Richard Murphy, Amy Nywening, Lionel Ortega, Shepard Palance, Sam Ralston Sr., Karen Richardson, Doris Robinson, Cathy and Roger Schramm, Evelyn Schramm, Yorg Schultheis, Michael Siekmann, Nancy Sweet, Dorothy Syme, Marge Tomaselli, Louis Tonachio, Jaime Battaglia van Dam, Jennifer van Dam, Lenny van Dam, Jennifer Viehmeyer, June Ward, Irma Weishaupt, Louis Wernick, Robert Wiederschall, Elenor Witte, Paul Witte and Claire Zimmerman

And those serving in the military...

Bryant Rodriguez Cyriax, Greg Flintall, Daniel Jaichner, Devin Vega and Rachel Zarnke

And those who can't always be with us...

Al Frielink, Grete Potts and Irma Weishaupt

If you would like someone to be added to or removed from the prayer lists, please contact the Church Office at 201-262-0138.

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>(CH) Church (FH) Fellowship Hall (FR) Family Room (OB) Office Building (PA) Parsonage</p>	1	2 Groundhog Day 	3	4	5	6
	7 Virtual Worship Service 10:30am 	8 	9	10 	11	12
14 Valentine's Day Virtual Worship Service 10:30am	15 Presidents' Day Church Office closed	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19	20
21 Virtual Worship Service 10:30am	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Virtual Worship Service 10:30am						