



The Sound of Morning Star

Morning Star Lutheran Church ~ Missouri Synod
Lakeside, California
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Greetings family and friends of MSLC,

I've decided I'm no longer going to be in shock as the new month of February is already here. I was reminiscing about 2023 and trying to remember if anything of significance had happened, and I wasn't sure. During this time, my spouse informed me of a personality flaw that I should work on to correct. After giving her the raspberries or I believe the Brooklyn salute, which ever you prefer, I continued to think about this possible flaw.

For the first time, in a long time, I made a New Year's resolution. It's not your typical resolution where you stop a certain behavior for a day, a week, maybe a month, you can't take it anymore, fall off the wagon, and resume with whatever behavior it was you had attempted to stop. Mine is the correction of a personality flaw, and it will be ongoing, but I'm going to try and stick with it. As I was formulating a plan, I wondered if this flaw might actually be part of the fruits of the Spirit.

Rather than try to fix one flaw, I wondered how well do I do with the fruits. From Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV): *but the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.* (New International Version)

A different translation of Galatians 5:22-23 (MSG): *But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely. Legalism is helpless in bringing this about; it only gets in the way. Among those who belong to Christ, everything connected with getting our own way and mindlessly responding to what everyone else calls necessities is killed off for good—crucified.* (The Message version)

I realize that most of us are use to NIV translation, because that's what the church uses, and I think of it as formal English. On occasion, when I'm looking up bible passages, I like to look at different translations, especially those that use common English.

As I read the fruits of the SPIRIT from the NIV translation, I was going to comment on how well I think I'm doing with them. After reading The Message translation, the fruits are incorporated into our way of life. The flaw that I'm going to work on is also in there—discernment. Getting my own way and mindlessly responding to what everyone else call necessities.

As I look at this list, and knowing that the HOLY SPIRIT dwells in each one of us, is HE shining through? There are other things to work on, but that's also part of the SPIRIT living in us. We can pray that as HE lives in us; we display those fruits on a daily basis. Sola Gratia Sola Scriptura Sola Fide ~ Jerry



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GALATIANS 5:22-23 (NIV)

Sunday Services 8:45 a.m.

In person, via Zoom,
or on Morning Star's
Facebook page.

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Youth Confirmation 10:00 a.m. (check calendar for dates)

For more
information,
call the Church office.



FEBRUARY IS MITE BOX MONTH

Place your coins or folding money in the large Mite Box on any Sunday, but especially in February. Giving was inspired by the following Bible Story: LUKE 21:3-4



BIBLE STUDY

Please join us in Classroom 4
at 10:00 a.m.
on SUNDAY MORNINGS,
And be blessed
by Studying God's Word.

THE WIDOW'S MITE

"Truly, I tell you, this poor widow
has put in more than all of them.

For they all contributed
out of their abundance,
but she out of her
poverty
put in all she
had to live on."



Luke 21:3-4 ESV

LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN HELPS CENTER



THANK YOU
FOR DONATING FOOD ON THE
FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH

Proverbs 22:9 (NKJV)

"He who has a generous eye will be
blessed, for he gives of his bread to
the poor."



In addition to The Lutheran Hour airing in San Diego on KCBQ-1170AM radio every Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. or listening to The Lutheran Hour 24/7 at Lutheranhour.org, shut-ins can watch sermons on-line at: Worshipforshutins.org.

~ Lutheran Ministries Media



BIBLE THEMES IN SPANISH

Submitted by Carol Ross

- Amar misericordia
Love mercy
- El que oye y entiende la palabra da fruto
The one who hears and understands the Word bears fruit
- Mi yugo es fácil and mi carga ligera
My yoke is easy and My burden is light
- El reino de los cielos es como una perla fina
The Kingdom of Heaven is like a fine pearl
- Los justos resplandecerán como el sol
The righteous will shine like the sun
- Tome su cruz y sígame
Take up your cross and follow Me
- Somos todos como hijos de Dios
We are all like children of God
- Jesús tiene autoridad en mi vida
Jesus has authority in my life
- El amor no guarda rencor
Love doesn't hold grudges
- Usted lleva la imagen de Dios
You bear the image of God
- Soy bendecida para ser una bendición /
Soy bendecido para ser una bendición
I am blessed to be a blessing
- Dios me conoce muy bien
God knows me very well
- Jesús me ama
Jesus loves me
- Ama a todos tus hermanos y hermanas
Love all your brothers and sisters
- Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
- Preparen el camino del Señor
Prepare the way of the Lord
- Con Dios, no hay nada imposible
Nothing is impossible with God
- Se manifiesten las intenciones de muchos corazones
The thoughts from many hearts will be revealed
- Dios está complacido conmigo
God is pleased with me
- Jesús se ha apoderado de mi mente
Jesus is breaking into my mind
- Yo confío en Dios
I trust in God





MORNING STAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR FEBRUARY

MITE BOX MONTH

February 4—Food Drive for Lakeside Christian Helps Center

February 5 - 6:30 p.m. BOD Meeting

February 7 - 5:30 p.m. Praise team practice

February 14-5:30 p.m. Praise team practice

7:00 p.m. ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 18—Newsletter Deadline

February 19—Presidents' Day (federal holiday)

February 21—5:30 p.m. Song Fest with Praise team practice

7:00 p.m. LENTEN SERVICE

February 24—9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. LARC Ham Radio testing

February 25—\$5 Sunday for Missions

February 28- 5:30 p.m. Praise team practice

7:00 p.m. LENTEN SERVICE

A Visit with Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry

By Pastor Richard Ross

On Saturday, January 13, Evie, Chris, and Adrianna (the confirmation students), and Amber, Travis, Ella, Carol and I visited the Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry in Tijuana, with the program director, Pastor Ramon Contreras. We crossed the border in Otay and stopped first at the orphanage. Fifteen children live there with their house mother, Elena. There are about ten boys and five girls. They served us a traditional breakfast of homemade quesadillas with cheese and beans. Delicious! They have a dog and a puppy, a cat and a kitten—a big part of our bonding experience with the kids!

From the orphanage, we walked to Iglesia San Pablo, the mission church of LBCM. It's run by Abner and Keren, a brother and sister team. Their outreach is a Saturday morning breakfast and Sunday morning worship for children and teens in the neighborhood. For Christmas they had a celebration with 50 youth!

Over the years, LBCM has built over 3,000 12'x12' starter homes in the region. During our walk, Pastor Contreras was able to show us several of them. Each one costs about \$3,000 for the concrete, wood, windows, roofing, and other supplies.

We finished our visit with a stroll through the Saturday market, which lies at the foot of the rolling hills that border the eastside of Tijuana. It was a great experience. Thank you to everyone who participated. It was a long, tiresome journey to get back over the border, but the children at the orphanage were very encouraged by our visit, especially by the new friendship they enjoyed with our youth. God is good. Amen.





California-Arizona-Nevada Collection Center
and the Pacific Southwest District LWML

are sponsoring the tenth

“Undie Sunday”

February 11, 2024

Instead of collecting and delivering
packages of new underwear or socks

For men, women, girls and boys
to minister to needy people within our
Pacific Southwest District,
in Mexico and beyond

Let us at MORNING STAR do CASH DONATIONS:
Cash donations are also needed for delivery of
these gifts:

(Send to Orphan Grain Train at
42217 55th St W, Lancaster, CA 93536)



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The people of Morning Star believe in the One True God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe that everything God says in His Word, 'the Bible', is true. And we believe in God's promise that He will give us the free gift of eternal life through faith in Jesus, who died on the cross and rose again to save us.

Sunday Morning

Worship
8:45 a.m.

In person,
on Zoom, or
Morning Star's
Facebook page.

Bible Study
10:00 a.m.

Youth Confirmation
10:00 a.m.

(Check the
calendar for the
monthly
schedule.)

Ongoing Prayers:



Prayers of Thanksgiving
for: *God's saving
grace, through the
gift of faith.*

May Our LORD send
HEALING & PEACE to
our World, showing mercy
to all who are suffering.

Pray for those in the
Armed Forces,



especially:

Lucas Nelson Davis

United States Navy

(Chris Hill's Grandson)

Prayers for our Pastor
and Board of Directors.

Prayers for ourselves,
our neighbors, and the
World God Loves.

*To add prayer concerns to
this page, contact the
Church Office.*



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**THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE IS:
February 18, 2024**

For Birthdays,
Anniversaries,
and Other
Special Dates in
February,
see the calendar.

**Morning Star also has an
On-Line Prayer Chain at:**

morningstarlcms.org

~ Jim Birren,
Prayer Coordinator

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 8:45 AM Divine Service or Zoom 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study FOOD DRIVE	5 6:30 PM BOD Meeting	6	7 5:30 PM Praise team practice	1 MITE BOX MONTH	2	3
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