

WELCOME TO OUR DIGITAL LOVE NOTES!

Since much of our communication in the coming weeks will be via email, please be sure to let us know if your email address changes so we can update our records to allow us to keep in touch.

Bible Study Opportunities – Join Us for Our New Online Format

Today: Triumph of Grace – Book of Romans Bible Class @ 9:00 am [Join our Sunday Morning Romans Bible Class at 9:00 am](#) or call in: [+1 920-250-7472](#) Conference ID: 105 946 754#

Monday: CAP Class @ 6:30 pm (*Microsoft Teams*)

Wednesday: Titus Bible Study @ 8:30 am [Join our Wednesday Morning Titus Bible Class at 8:30 am](#) or call in [+1 920-250-7472](#) Conference ID: 522 157 997#

Women’s Bible Study @ 1:00 pm: [GOD Is Here](#) study (Microsoft Teams). For an email invite to the online meeting place, contact Kara Witthuhn at kara.witthuhn@gmail.com.

In My Daily Prayers

TAYLOR JESKE—recovering from surgery

PAM NEUBAUER—and her friend Diane Tranberg who are both seeking successful treatments for multiple myeloma

COVID-19 SITUATION—for a vaccine, health, healing, comfort, calm, healthcare workers, public leaders, & communities

WEE LOVE LEARNING CENTER—We pray that the Lord of the Church would provide us with a willing and qualified candidate to serve in our aftercare supervision role in the new year.

BULGARIA: OUTREACH TO ROMA—Please pray for Bulgarian national pastor Iliyan Itsov, who leads a [ministry to gypsies \(or “Roma”\)](#). Partnering with WELS Christian Aid and Relief, Pastor Itsov shares the good news at four preaching stations with thriving VBS & youth programs.

THIS WEEK

Today	Family Worship (<i>available to view on our YouTube channel any time after 8:00 am</i>)
	9:00 am Adult Bible Study (Microsoft Teams)
Monday	6:00 pm Growing in Hope BIC (Microsoft Teams)
	6:30 pm CAP Class (Microsoft Teams)
Wednesday	8:30 am Titus Bible Study (Microsoft Teams)
	1:00 pm Women’s Bible Study (Microsoft Teams—see info below)
	Midweek Lenten Worship (<i>available to view on line after 6:30 pm – watch your email for further details on this week’s worship</i>)
Sunday	Family Worship
	9:00 am Adult Bible Study (Microsoft Teams)

ONLINE COUNSELING SERVICES – Christian Family Solutions contacted us this week and informed us of a special offer for counseling, due to this unique time in our country. If you have insurance, and you have not met your deductible, they will offer you counseling sessions at no charge. Again, you do need to have insurance, and if you met your insurance deductible then your insurance will pay for the counseling. But if you have not met your deductible, your sessions will be for free. You can set up an appointment for online counseling at: www.christianfamilysolutions.org and click on Request an Appointment.

WHAT ABOUT EASTER?—We had planned to celebrate Easter in a big way on April 12 in person, like we do every year. Given the current situation, you might be wondering if we will postpone the celebration of Easter until a date when we will be able to gather in person? The answer is no...and yes. NO—We will continue to follow our path to the cross and empty tomb on the days historically appointed, continuing with Palm Sunday next week and the holy week services which follow, but YES—we do anticipate planning a wonderful reunion celebration which basks in the joy of Easter on that day when, Lord-willing, we can all gather together back into his house to be served by his wonderful means of grace. What that date is yet, we don't know.

[SUBSCRIBE TO ETERNALLOVEAPPLETON ON YOUTUBE](#)—During this time of social distancing, we've chosen youtube.com to be the main repository of our communicative, devotional, and worship videos. Please click  the hyperlink above in this pdf and subscribe. Subscribing will help you in that you will get notifications of the latest posted videos. Subscribing will help us as a church build a stronger YouTube presence, and hopefully unlock more features for us with which we can serve you with the gospel more.

[FOLLOW @ETERNALLOVELUTHERAN](#)—Facebook remains our only social media account that we use regularly as a congregation. We recommend that in order to stay as connected as possible, that you make sure you like and  follow our church page. You can click the hyperlink in this pdf to do so. Also, at the top of the page make sure you select; "See first" in your news feed, so that you won't miss any communications that might otherwise get lost in Facebook's newsfeed generation algorithm.

COVID19@ETERNAL-LOVE.ORG—Petr Eliseev, our Stewardship Ministry Director, has assembled a small team to offer help to those in our community who might be struggling during this time of social distancing during the coronavirus outbreak. This email address is posted on our digital roadside church sign, inviting people to email if they need help. The intent is to provide help for spiritual and physical needs as we are able. If you are interested in being part of the team of volunteers to support this effort, please reach out to him at stewardship.director@eternal-love.org.

THIS WEEK'S ENDURING FAITH LESSON—*Our Sunday School families will receive today's lesson via email. Parents are invited to work through the lesson as a family.*

PASTORAL VISITS—During this timeframe in which our nation and country is striving to slow the COVID-19 outbreak, Pastor Pries and Pastor Backus do not intend to make any casual face-to-face visits. However, your pastors are available and eager to serve you via phone or video conference. If a situation arises in which a face-to-face pastoral visit is desired, that can be arranged on an individual basis as well. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to serve you.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR IN-HOME WORSHIP—

- Local Time of Grace broadcast on Green Bay-Appleton WGBA-NBC 26 (Saturday nights at 12:00 am or Sunday mornings at 6:30 am)
- National Time of Grace broadcast on The Cowboy Channel (Sundays at 8:00 am) or Daystar TV Network (Sundays at 3:30 pm)
- Trinity Lutheran (Kaukauna) radio broadcast on WEMI 91.9 FM (Sundays at 7:30 am)
- St. Paul Lutheran (Appleton) radio broadcast on WNAM 1280 AM (Sundays at 8:00 am)

PRAYER FOR PASTOR ITSOV (BULGARIA)— *Abba, Father, as your adopted family we pray for Pastor Itsov as he reaches out to the Roma people in Eastern Europe with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Bless their Vacation Bible School and youth group programs, that the young people they serve might stay connected to you, their Savior. Thank you for the partnership we have with Pastor Itsov through WELS Christian Aid and Relief in providing material goods at Christmas and Easter to the poor communities he serves. We ask this as your sons and daughters, and co-heirs with Jesus. Amen.*

WEE LOVE LEARNING CENTER—This past week was the first week our Wee Love friends are learning at their homes since before that we were on spring break. Each week, I plan to put out a lesson plan for parents to use as a guide to keep their little ones learning and growing while we cannot meet in person. Please keep all of our families in your prayers. These are tough times for all, but God will continue to be there to guide us through!

APPLE VALLEY FOOD PANTRY—While we are not assembling for worship, we are still planning to take donations to the pantry next month. Donations can be dropped off at church by Sunday, April 5. We hope you will continue to support the pantry during this difficult time, either with food donations or monetary donations which will be used to purchase food supplies to continue helping those in need. Here is the list of items currently needed:

Cereal, toilet paper and paper towels, canned fruit, cookies, crackers, jam and peanut butter, helper meals, rice and noodle side dishes, boxed potato/mashed potato, pork n beans, pancake mix and syrup, and canned pasta.

If you prefer to give monetary donations, you are welcome to send a check (payable to WELS Apple Valley Food Pantry) directly to:

WELS Apple Valley Food Pantry
c/o St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church
129 S. Mason St.
Appleton, WI 54914-5246

Thank you for helping the pantry help others in need!

OFFERINGS—Please know that though we are not able to worship together in person, Eternal Love is still grateful for your generous offerings. Here are several options to consider:

- Mail your offering to: Eternal Love Lutheran Church, 1011 E. Midway Rd., Appleton, WI 54915.
- Submit an offering through bill pay at your financial institution. Please see your financial institution for any fees and the process for submitting these offerings.
- Electronic offerings through Thrivent Simply Giving® Program (secure direct deposit donation services provided by Vanco Services, LLC). Please contact the church office for the form to fill out and submit. Please also understand that VanCo keeps a service fee of 1.00% of your offering + \$0.45/transaction.
- Electronic offerings via PayPal using this QR code:
or online at www.eternal-love.org/donate.
Please understand that PayPal keeps a service fee of 2.9% of your offering + \$0.30/transaction.



GOOD FRIDAY THREE HOUR WORSHIP—On Friday, April 10, St. Paul Lutheran will host this annual service with devotions on the seven words from the cross given by area pastors. The service will be aired from Noon – 3:00 pm on WNAM radio (1280 AM) and on St. Paul’s Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulappletonwi/>. Tune in for all three hours or any amount of time that fits your schedule.

FVL SCHOLARSHIP—The Ladies Guild Memorial Scholarship offers grants of up to \$500 to new FVL freshmen or incoming upperclassmen who demonstrate financial need and a love of Christian education. Application deadline is April 16. Details at fvlhs.org/todays-news.

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WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY—Our women's Bible Study group is meeting online via Microsoft Teams on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. We are currently reading and discussing the book 3 Words That Will Change Your Life by Pastor Mike Novotny. Throughout this book we are faced with many provoking questions about God and where and how he stands in our lives. The ultimate goal is for us to realize that GOD is here. Every day. In every situation. Always. Even now during the Corona virus, GOD is here. This week we will discuss chapter 3. The book is available in both paperback (\$11.99) and Kindle version (\$9.99) on Amazon. Even if you do not have a book, however, you may gain insights as others read excerpts from the book and as we look at passages from the Bible. If you would like to join in the discussion, contact kara.witthuhn@gmail.com for the online video chat link.

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