

March 2025

March 5th is Ash Wednesday.

Lenten Meal at 5:30 pm.

Lenten Services at 6:30 pm.

Lent is here after a longer than usual Epiphany Season. That's because Easter falls so late (April 20th) this year. As we do every year, we'll gather together on Wednesday evenings throughout the Season of Lent to join in a meal together, followed by a Service of the Word.

This Lent we'll take as our special focus the Ten Commandments. As Lutherans we identify three unique ways the Ten Commandments work in our lives. These "uses" of the Law in our lives each have professional names:

The political use

The theological use

The didactic use

Or, as you might know them better: Curb, Mirror, and Guide.

Let's go through each of these. The first use is the political use — or, the Curb — here, the Law of God, given in the Ten Commandments, functions as the foundation of civil (or political) Law upon which other laws and statutes are mandated. These laws are given out by the government to keep good order, to maintain peace, and to punish wrong-doers. In this way, the Law works just like a street curb. We drive down the street and we know to keep inside the curbs. In the same way, the Law of God that serves as the basis for government laws curb us on the right path.

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The second use, the theological use, works just like a mirror. That is, the Law “shows us our sin” — S.O.S. is perhaps how some of you learned that. When we look into the perfect mirror of the Law of God as He gives it to us in Scripture, we recognize that we have not kept it perfectly. We look into the mirror and we see every flaw and imperfection that we have in keeping God’s Law. That’s why we need the Gospel: to Show us Our Savior: S.O.S. again! To reveal to us the mercy and love of God.

The third use of the Law, the didactic use, works just like a Guide. Sometimes we may be confused about how to live out our Christian lives. The Law of God shows us that path. We strive to live in the Law of God — not in fear or compulsion of being punished!— but in love, honor, and respect for God our Father and His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. So, the Law guides us in our daily life.

These are just three aspects of the Law of God. We’ll go through the Ten Commandments more in depth during our Lenten Midweek Services. Hope to see you there!

In Christ,

Pastor Brown



*Ash Wednesday Night Service,
March 5th, 6:30pm*

We are looking for committees to organize Wednesday night dinners. Dinner can be very simple. If your committee would like to help, please email the church office at: martinichurchoffice@gmail.com

All Wednesdays are available right now and will be updated each Parish News.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church invites you to our All You Can Eat Fish Fry & Chicken Tender Dinner on **Saturday, March 1** from 4:30-7:00 pm in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$14/adults and \$7 (kids 11 and under). You may purchase tickets online (<https://pushpay.com/g/holycrossfw>) or at the door.

MARTINI OUTREACH MEETING

*Mark your calendar! We will have our organizational meeting on **Thursday, March 6 at 7:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall. If you want to be part of this committee, please plan to attend. Everyone is welcome! Outreach will continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month.*

Live Stream Volunteers: *Would you like to check out and learn how to stream the church services?? We are currently looking for additional volunteers to help live stream church services. If you are interested, please contact Mike Stauffer.*

NEW: 2025 Church Directory. We are updating the church directories!! By March 9th, you could receive a letter in your mailbox with information highlighting that the office is missing. Please fill out the paper and turn it in before March 30th. A preview of your family page will then appear in your mailbox by April 13th. After all updates have been made, we will start the printing process. These directories will also have space for family, couples, or singles photos, Please send those via email to martinichurchoffice@gmail.com, or leave photographs in the church office mailbox.

The Indiana District LCMS *has a full-time opening for the position of Education Administrative Assistant. We are searching for a friendly, organized, and versatile individual who can work on a variety of tasks involving the Lutheran schools and educators of Indiana and Northern Kentucky. Qualifications include but are not limited to a servant attitude, effective communication skills, clerical skills, strong technical skills, self-motivation, a willingness to learn, and an eye for details. The position supports and facilitates the work of the District President and the District Education Executive in caring for the teachers, school administrators, and commissioned workers of the District, especially by managing the day-to-day office routines and coordinating communication between the Synod and workers, the schools and the state. All resumes should be submitted as soon as possible, as interviews will begin as these resumes are received. Interested individuals should submit their information either by email at lisa.slack@in.lcms.org or by USPS mail to: Indiana District – LCMS Attn: Lisa Slack 1145 S. Barr St. Fort Wayne, IN 46802*

CLS DC Fundraiser: 6th and 7th grade students at Central will be selling Community Fun Books again this year to earn money for their DC trip in October. We are selling them from Thursday, February 20th through Thursday, March 6th. Please contact Mrs. Peters for more information: cpeters@cluth.org.



CENTRAL LUTHERAN DC FUNDRAISER FUN BOOK SALES NOW THRU MARCH 6TH

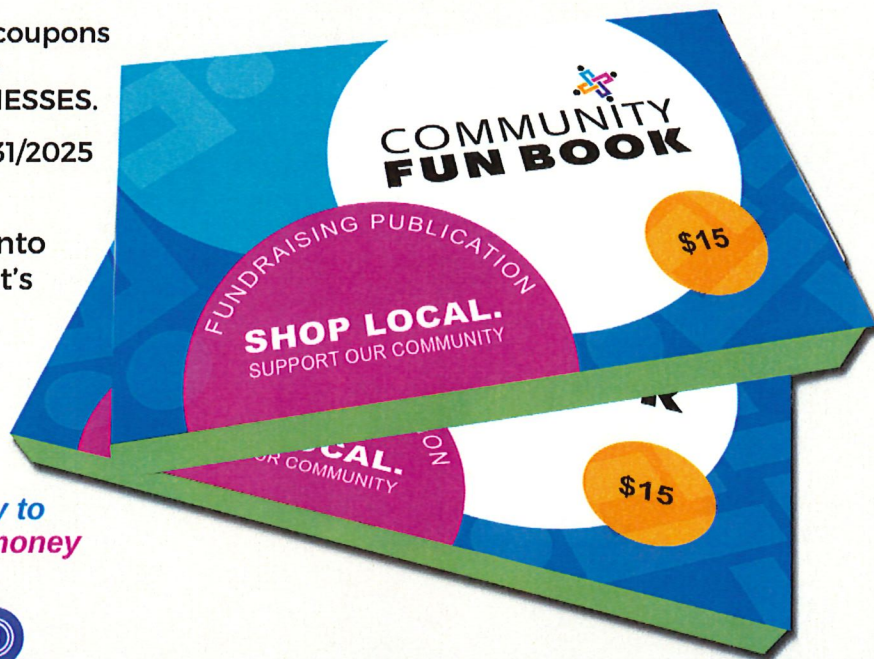
The book is filled with coupons from **LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED BUSINESSES.**

Coupons Valid thru 12/31/2025

\$15 per Book
with \$8 profit going into the individual student's DC account.

The book pays for itself with just a few coupon uses.

There is no easier way to help a student, save money and shop local.



OVER 70 PAGES OF GREAT OFFERS

Zianos, Culver's, Dicky's, Lunch Box Cafe, Well Ground Cafe, Jack's Donuts, Old Crown, Davey's Bagels, Icing for Isaac, LazerX, Ultra Zone, Combat Ops, Science Central, Putt Putt, YMCA, Peerless Cleaners and MANY More!
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CLS Call Committee

Central Lutheran School is seeking a junior high English teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Candidates should hold a valid teaching license and be qualified to teach English to 6-8 grade students. If you would like to submit a name for consideration, please send your recommendation to David Van Spankeren - dvanspankeren@cluth.org or 260-493-2502 ext. 350. Thank you.

Please pray for Grace Adams and Tiffany Herman, both of whom were called by the Association last weekend to serve at CLS as teachers beginning next year.

The Mad Hatter's Tea Party - CLS 2025 Gala

Be on the lookout for invitations to The Mad Hatter's Tea Party - CLS 2025 Gala! Invitations have gone out, and we are excited about this wonderful event on Friday, May 2. If you have not been to a CLS Gala or do not receive an invitation, you are still invited! We would love to have you join us for this evening of celebration and fellowship supporting CLS.

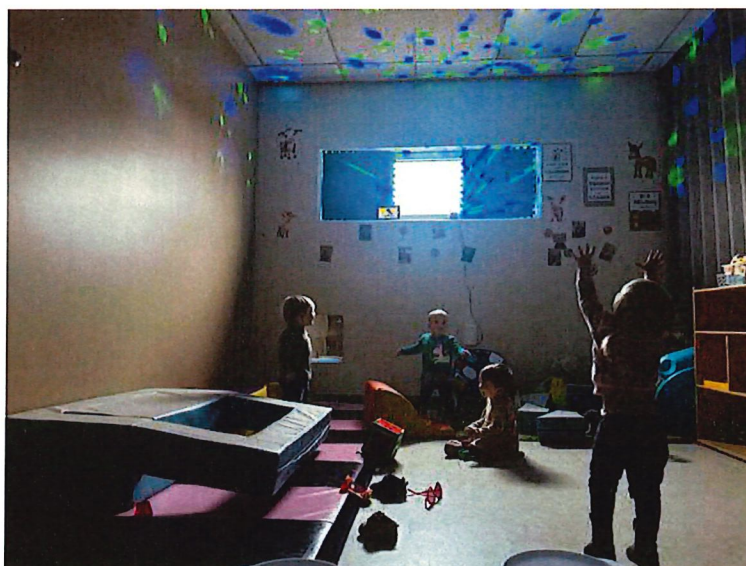
We are also seeking donations for the Gala auction. We need both live and silent auction items. Donations can be brought to CLS. If you have any questions about possible donations, please do not hesitate to contact the CLS office. You can also be a Gala sponsor. Different sponsorship opportunities are available, including Teacher Sponsors. Help us thank our CLS teachers by sponsoring their tickets to The Mad Hatter's Tea Party. Thank you for your support!

CLS March Dates to remember:

- March 3-14 IREAD3 Testing Window**
- March 5 Ash Wednesday**
- March 6 DC Trip Parent Meeting Evening**
- March 11 Kindergarten Orientation 6:30**
- March 13 Pastor-Principal Meeting 8:45 AM**
- March 14 PK-8 Open House 4:30 - 6:00**
- March 14 End of 3rd Quarter**
- March 17 Late Start 2 hour delay**
- March 21 Charger Spirit Day**
- March 22 ISSMA**
- March 23 Fine Arts Festival**
- March 24 First Responders Lunch**
- March 28 - April 6 Spring Break**

Kids Club News:

Special thank you to the members of Martini for helping the kids club become a better early childcare center. Here are some updated pictures of our classrooms!! We are beyond grateful.



Member Spotlight

Do you have a child in sports, arts, military, ect... that maybe we can spot light? We would love to continue to celebrate our members so again, please share any exciting news with the office so we can share it with the whole congregation.

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