

# Bulletin Announcements 2/24/2019

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**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Today's altar flowers are given by Nathan Geschke in loving memory of his high school friend Tommy "Stitch" Moritz.

**THE GREAT PATRIARCHS:** Join us in Bible Class as we study Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob via Genesis 12–50 (Sundays at 10:45 a.m.).

**CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY:** Members, please read the pastoral letter and complete and return the congregational survey to the designated box in the narthex by Sunday, March 3. A congregational meeting will be held in March to discuss the results of the survey and answer your questions.

**COFFEE, COOKIES, & CRAFTS:** Ladies, we invite you to a morning of Coffee, Cookies, and Crafts in Luther Hall on Saturday, March 9 (9:00–11:00 a.m.). We will be supplying the coffee, table, and chairs for this gathering. You are welcome to drop by anytime, bring your favorite craft (no wood burning or welding please!), or simply visit with us to see what we are all doing these days for leisure activities. Cookie donations always welcome.

**SPRING VBS:** Children ages 3-12 are invited on a special Lenten journey on Saturday, March 16 (10:00–11:30 a.m.) here at church. They will join the crowds to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem and then sit with Jesus' disciples in the Upper Room as He washes feet and institutes an incredible meal. RSVP via our Facebook event or the signup sheet on the bulletin board in Luther Hall.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** We are partnering with Vitalant (formerly LifeSource) to host a blood drive on Saturday, March 16 (9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.) and we'd love you to be a part of it. Adults welcome (16 & 17 year olds will need a signed parental permission form). Appointments are preferred, although walk-ins are also welcome. Help us help those who need donor blood. The need is great.

**SHOP WITH SCRIP & BENEFIT MOBILE:** The next Shop with Scrip turn-in date is March 17. See Lisa Cruz with any questions, or Judy Yuenger to buy pre-purchased cards. Benefit Mobile is an IOS and Android app that allows you to purchase electronic gift cards that can be used immediately or emailed as a gift. See the newsletter for more info.

**FIRST AID / CPR:** If you are currently certified in First Aid and/or CPR, please let Cindy Rambeaux (head trustee) know so that she can update our church records.

**WORD OF THE WEEK:** *forgive (v.), forgiveness (n.)* • To free a sinner from the guilt and penalty of his sin. That God, for Christ's sake, no longer holds my sins against me. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

**PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY:** You're invited to attend the Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference June 7–8 at Concordia University Chicago. Topics include: Secular Progressivism, Christian Joy, The Lord's Supper, The Hippocratic Oath and Conservatism. Speakers include: Matt Harrison, Ross Douthat, Hans Fiene, Wesley Smith, Will Weedon, and Aaron Wolf. Early bird registration is \$115 and includes three meals. For more information, visit [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) or call 618-223-8385.