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Our Lenten Theme: *Let Jesus Open Your Eyes*

Lent is just around the corner--a great time for us to deepen our discipleship and strengthen our relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. Please join us for our special midweek services, starting St. Valentine's day, Wednesday, February 14. Attending these services will be a great way to show your love for the Lord. The services will begin at 7:00 P.M. We will get started with Jesus' Beatitude: "**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.**" (Matt. 5:8)

The following five weeks will draw on the center section of St. Mark's Gospel, 8:22 - 10:52, where Jesus shows His disciples who He is and teaches them what it means to follow Him. It begins with the story of Jesus healing a blind man in stages and ends with Jesus restoring sight to blind Bartimaeus. Within the bookends of this Scripture Jesus will lead us to know Him and better see what discipleship is all about.

Let Jesus Open Your Eyes

February 21	Mark 8:22-9:1	--Step by Step to know the Messiah and His Mission
February 29	Mark 9:1-29	--to See where Your Strength Lies
March 7	Mark 9:30-50	--to Greatness in His Kingdom
March 14	Mark 10:1-31	--to See How His Lordship Extends to All of Life
March 21	Mark 10:32-52	--to See the Heart of His Lordship

The five services on the above dates will be preceded by a light supper at 6:00 P.M. to give us time for conversation and fellowship. Stay tuned for details on the arrangements.

Holy Week will give us an excellent opportunity to relive the climax of Jesus' ministry for us with special services on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. I encourage you to come to these services to renew and strengthen your relationship with the Lord.

Our annual Congregational Meeting was held Sunday, January 21. We congratulate our newly or re-elected officers: Van Bareither, president; Anne Sears, vice president; Hilda Turnbaugh, secretary; Ron Larson, treasurer; Mark and Jane Siedschlag and Kendra Foster, Board of Member Care. We thank Darcy Grannis and Anne Sears for their faithful service for a number of years as treasurer and president respectively, as well as those continuing their terms of service: Jack Mizak, financial secretary; Ron and Linda Larson, Board of Outreach; Peach Young, Blanche and Randel Thornhill, Board of Member Care; and our Elders, Van Bareither, Hank Grannis, and Frank Reasor. May the Lord bless their service as we head into this new year. We adopted a Ministry Spending Plan of \$65,100, with the understanding that this plan can be modified as needs and opportunities present themselves to us. Underlying its adoption was our commitment to promote the Lord's work in our midst. The Voters also decided to request that our congregation be assigned to the Northeast Georgia circuit when we are chartered March 18.

Charter Sunday will be a joyous occasion for us, as we are officially recognized as a congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. A special service will be held **March 18 at 4:00 P.M.** as we invite our sister congregations to share the joy with us. More details to come.

With expectation let us move forward in 2018, eager to learn, willing to serve, and committed to reach out with the love of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastor Michael