



## THE REPORTER

*For when God made a promise to Abraham,  
Since He had no one greater by whom to swear,  
He swore by Himself.  
(Hebrews 6:13)*

Who is greater than God? That is one of the most basic questions with which people wrestle. The answer is also the most basic: No one.

The promise mentioned in Hebrews is the promise God made at the top of Mount Moriah after stopping Abraham from sacrificing Isaac (Genesis 22:15-19). Abraham understood God's faithfulness so well that he was convinced that God would still uphold His covenant that He would establish through Isaac (Genesis 17:21). Abraham didn't understand God's plan, but he has faith in a faithful God who had kept all His promises so far. Later in Hebrews we read:

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. (Hebrews 11:17-19)

As we continue to celebrate our Lord's resurrection throughout this month, we see that the Old Testament saints also believed in the resurrection of the dead. Jesus did not invent this with His resurrection. His resurrection is the fulfillment of the promise from Eden: "He shall bruise your [the serpent's] head, and you shall bruise His heel" (Genesis 3:15).

Jesus' crucifixion was simply a bruising of His heel. "Death could not keep his prey" (*WHM* #256.3). St. Paul also says, "We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death He died He died to sin, once for all" (Romans 6:9-10). This is the great assurance we have in Christ this Easter and every day.

David reminds us of this very promise in Psalm 23: "He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake" (v3). He leads us in the paths of righteousness by His own swearing by Himself.

What is greater than God? What is greater than His salvation and righteousness? Nothing.

In Christ,

Rev. Doug Minton

### OSLC Youth Group

Did you mark May 15 on your calendar? All Jr High and High School youth will get together! We will join together for a time of bible study, fun, and fellowship. Bring some ideas for a fun outing this summer. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Can't wait to see you!

### Danville Women's Care Clinic

The Women's Care Clinis is celebrating **THIRTY YEARS** of bringing life-affirming options for women and men in Vermillion County and the surrounding area. OSLC has had a wonderful relationship with DWCC for years. During the month of May, we will be collecting needed items for them. Items are for expectant parents and new babies.

Please bring items to church and drop them off in the tub in the narthex. Items needed include:

Unopened diapers size Newborn	New Maternity Clothes (all sizes)
New Diaper Bags/Backpacks	Baby Towels
Baby Laundry Detergent	Sleepers or Onesies
Digital Thermometers	Crib Sheets
New or Gently Used Neckties	
New Tools (tape measure, screw driver sets, hammers, flashlights, etc)	
Gas Cards	

The Women's Care Clinic is also in need of volunteers. If you can volunteer to be an Advocate/Mentor, be part of the Child Care Team while parents are attending appointments, or Chaperone an ultrasound, please contact Stacy, the Volunteer Coordinator ad DWCC.

### Men's Bible Breakfast

This month we will meet the **FIRST** Saturday of each month. We will meet on May 7 at 8am. Phil R is our host. We are working our way through The Story. **We encourage ALL men (teenage to 99) of the congregation to join us!**

### Thy Strong Word on KFUD Radio

Pastor will be on **Thy Strong Word** on Friday, May 27 at 11am Central. He and Rev. Brady Finnerm will discuss the genealogy of Adam's faithful descendants from Seth through Noah's three sons.

### Pastor and Family Out of Town

Pastor will be out of town May 14 and 15 for Handler Training for Mahlah. Pastor Bob Frank will be our guest preacher on May 15. Pastor and Family will be out of town May 27-30. Pastor William Shamburger from Grace Lutheran in Albuquerque, MN will be the guest preacher. If a Pastoral need arises, please contact an Elder.

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### *Remember Those Unable to be with Us on Sunday Morning*

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### Prairieview Lutheran Home Updates

Come join the fun at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Prairieview Golf Outing on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. The \$75 fee includes green fee, cart, dinner, range balls, lunch, and 2 free drink tickets. 12 pm Shotgun Start! Supper provided by The Longbranch. Awards and door prizes! Register by June 1<sup>st</sup>: 815.269.2970, or check out our website @ prairieviewlutheran.com (Use the Donation tab and select Golf Participant in the drop-down box.)

Sponsor a hole at the Prairieview Lutheran Home Golf Outing! \$150 donation will feature your company at a hole, on a promotional flyer, listed on Facebook & our website along with in the Annual Report. Call 815.269.2970 or check out our website @ prairieviewlutheran.com (Use the Donation tab and select Golf Sponsor in the drop-down box.)

Thank you to everyone that has donated to this year's Easter Appeal. We are halfway towards being able to purchase a wheelchair van for our residents! Being able to provide reliable transportation for residents to and from doctor appointments and hospital stays is an essential part of the care we provide at Prairieview Lutheran Homes. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

### Youth Center of Milford

The board of the Cross Roads Youth Center are happy to announce the construction of the new building! Construction will begin later this spring on East Jones St. Donations are being accepted at Milford Building and Loan and at Milford Village Depot. Money will be put towards the building fund. The youth of Milford THANK you!

### Podcast of the Month!

The Podcast of the Month for May is **Concord Matters** from KFUO Radio. Pastor Sean Smith from Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church in Mason City, IA, and another pastor discuss the Lutheran Confessions in detail. Currently, they are studying the Augsburg Confession. Concord Matters airs on KFUO Saturdays at 10am Central.

### Moments of Meditation

Moments this month look at Adam's faithful descendants through Seth (Genesis 5). Listen weekday mornings at 8am on WHPO.

**Wrestling with Theology** has some wonderful programming lined up. Here are the highlights for the regular programming in May.

Week of	Confessional Corner (Monday)	Digging Deeper (Thursday)
May 1	The Awe-Inspiring Articles of the Divine Majesty (SA I – II I)	The Earth Swallows Up God's Enemies (Psalm 106:16-18)
May 8	The Messy Business of the Mass and Monks (SA II II-III)	Golden Errors (Psalm 106:19-23)
May 15	The Papacy Is the Devil Himself (SA II IV)	Unreliable Spies (Psalm 106:24-27)
May 22	The Law Shows Our Sin (SA III I-II)	Stumbling Blocks (Psalm 106:28-33)
May 29	Proper Repentance (SA III III 1-24)	Complacency in the Promised Land (Psalm 106:34-43)