



## First Lutheran Women News – March, 2018

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### Faith Message – Sharing in His Suffering

As Christians, we like the thought of sharing in Christ's glory, but what about sharing in His suffering? Jesus' sacrifice gives us the gift of eternal life and also abundant life while we're here on this earth. But the Bible teaches that we must suffer times of trial if we are to share in His glory. Is it worth it? According to Romans 8:18, it certainly is!

We tend to believe that we suffer because of our circumstances, and if they would only change, we'd be able to act right. But God wants us to become so mature and stable that we act right even when our circumstances aren't good. There are different levels of faith, and most of the time we want to use our faith to get rid of all suffering. But sometimes God's plan is for us to exercise a higher level of faith that will carry us through life's challenges.

Too often we marvel at the delivering power of God and overlook His keeping, strengthening and enabling power. Jesus promised in John 16:33, that He will give us His peace during the trials of life and the power we need to overcome them. I encourage you today, if you are going through a time of suffering, take heart because in Christ, you will come through it and share in His glory, which shall be revealed! - *from Joyce Meyer Ministries, Daily Devotion*

### NEWS & EVENTS:

**FUNERAL MINISTRY FUND** – First Lutheran Women are indeed grateful for the annual donation of \$10 given by First Lutheran families to the Funeral Ministry Fund. Because of your annual support, this important ministry continues to provide for families during a difficult time in their lives. After each funeral, family members graciously express their sincere appreciation for this ministry. Envelopes for your 2018 funeral donation of \$10.00 are available on the center table in the Narthex. Checks can be made out to First Lutheran Women with a notation as Funeral Donation. Donation envelopes can be returned to the Church Office or placed in the worship offering plate. If you have questions, contact Funeral Co-Coordinators Kim Christianson (530-2301) or Shirley Anderson-Porisch (828-1945).

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**March 14th** – Circles Meet

**March 19th** – 1:00 p.m. - Quilting

### **Mission Statement:**

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

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