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Mission Statement Reaching out in Worship, Fellowship, Learning, and Love - We Are God's People.









Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th this year! We will be worshiping at Messiah Lutheran Church this year for Ash Wednesday Service! There will be a Soup Supper provided by the Boy Scouts starting at 6:00pm with worship service starting at 7:00pm.

Lenten Midweek devotions:

Lenten Midweek Services will be hosted by Messiah Lutheran (2411 West Ave.) on the Wednesdays during Lent beginning Feb. 21. There will be a meal at 6:00 pm with the Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00.

Messiah Lutheran will be providing the meal on the following days: February 21, March 6, & March 20. Bethany will provide the meal on February 28 (we can bring whatever we want, one suggestion made was that we are particularly good with soups and desserts.) Faith/Trinity Lutheran will provide the meal for March 13th.

After Holden Evening Prayer, there will be a time of reflection and discussion. We will have two foci. First, there will be a discussion on Kate Bowler's Lenten devotion, "Have a Beautiful, Terrible Lent!" Second, each week, there will also be a presentation on a different prayer practice you can try throughout the week.

Lenten Film Club:

On the Sundays of Lent, Pastor Ryan will be showing various films for discussion at Faith Lutheran (3109 Sunnyside Ave)! The film will begin at 5 pm, and afterward, there will be hors d'oeuvres and discussion.

2/18: Joan of Arc ('28 · Silent film w/ music track · 1h 22m · Dreyer · Danish/French)

2/25: Lourdes ('09 · Mystery/Thriller · 1h 36m · Austrian/French)

3/3: Ida ('13 · Thriller · 1h 22m · Polish · Oscar winner)

3/10: Au Hasard Balthazar ('66 · Thriller/Crime · 1h 35m · French · Bresson)

3/17: First Reformed ('17 · Thriller/Mystery · 1h 53m · American · Schrader)

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February 2024, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Happy Valentine's Day from LSI!

"We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19

The idea behind Lutheran Services in Iowa's (LSI) mission is centered around love: responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service.

We give thanks to all our ministry partners, both individuals and congregations, who help share this love for Iowa children, adults, and families.

At LSI, we see this love in newly adopted children and their families, in teens who are overcoming years of trauma and building brighter futures, in Iowans with disabilities who are growing their independence and confidence, in new parents who are raising strong and healthy families, and in so many other joyous moments.

You can help carry out LSI's mission of hope and healing by giving a gift and showing love to the Iowa families we serve.

Thank you for the love you share and create through LSI. Happy Valentine's Day!

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and facebook.com/LSI.iowa.





Dear Friends in Christ,

This must have happened some time in my life, but I don't recall one--this year Valentine's and Ash Wednesday are on the same day.(which, in case you haven't looked ahead, makes Easter Sunday March 31st). I've been thinking about some possible connection between the two, and I think I came up with one. To Wit

Many of you will remember the 1971 movie "Love Story", which was based on the Erich Segal novel by the same name...Realizing that there's no accounting for personal taste, it is only my personal opinion that "Love Story" is the sappiest movie ever made! (Of course, the fact that I saw it when I was a less-than-mature-for-my-age high school junior might have something to do with that. Just sayin'...)

For years that movie was remembered for one line above all its others; in fact, as I recall, it was the final line in the movie: "Love means never having to say you're sorry." I don't pretend to be a movie critic, so take my opinion of that line with as many grains of salt as necessary when I say, "WHAT A CROCK!" It's plainly not true on a human level, and it's really not true on a Godly one. People who love each other do hurt each other; it happens because we're "only" human; on the other hand, we're capable of learning from our mistakes and making things right with each other because, after all, we're human--made "just a little lower than the angels and crowned with glory and honor", and put in charge of all this earth's creations (Psalm 8:5-6). "God doesn't make junk", as the saying goes, so we don't want to run around turning ourselves into junk by making ourselves far less than our Creator made us to be.

When that happens--that is, when we think, speak, and act beneath our human dignity and potential, it hurts and/or offends God. And as God's loved and loving children, we're sensitive to that, and it grieves us to know that we've disappointed God; and if we're not sensitive to the pain we've caused, we're inviting God's wrath, and that's where "fear" of God comes in. No child of God in his or her right mind would prefer the punishment of God over fhe forgiveness of God! God has made it clear in His holy Word that forgiveness will always come to the repentant sinner-and "repentance" does involve saying to the God you love that you're sorry. and then making an honest effort to do and be better

Ash Wednesday is a day the Church sets aside to "highlight", if you will, the place that repentance rightly occupies in a Christian's life. The fact that it falls on Valentine's Day this year isn't a contradiction at all--not for a Christian, anyway. For us, it should make all the sense in the world; this year on February 14th, as we exchange our expressions of love with the people nearest and dearest to us, let's do the same with our God, who is even nearer and dearer yet!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Pete

Meetings

The meetings for February, 2024 that have been scheduled as of the publishing of this newsletter are listed below. Watch your bulletins for any date and time changes, or additional meetings that may be scheduled.

Finance Committee Thursday, February 8 @ 6:30 p.m.

Church Life Committee Sunday, February 11 @ 10:15 a.m.

Property Committee Monday, February 12 @ 6:30 p.m.

Church Council Sunday, February 18 @ 10:15 a.m.

Men's Breakfast Saturday, February 17 @ 8:00 a.m.

Church Outreach Tuesday, February 13 @ 5:30 pm

Executive Committee Wednesday, February 13 @ 6:30 p.m.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

<u>January</u> <u>ATTENDANCE</u>

January 7 57 January 14 0- Church Cancelled January 21 49

January 28 56

<u>January</u> <u>GIVING</u>

January 7 \$1,891.00 January 14 \$0-Church Cancelled January 21 \$2,982.80 January 28 \$3,119.40 Total \$7,993.20

December VANCO total: \$1,655.00



PLEASE NOTE

Please be sure to update your address and/or phone number with the office. A new church directory will be published soon, and we'd like to have current information.

ALSO!

Because of Federal Privacy laws, if you or a member of your family are hospitalized and would like the Pastor to visit, you must contact the church and let us know.

LIVING LUTHERAN

You may have read in the March issue of Living Lutheran, the magazine will cease its print publication with the November/December 2023 issue. You can still read the magazine at the online platform LivingLutheran.org, where you'll experience enhanced content through videos and audio stories. Check it out!

LAY LEADERS February 2024

January Usher: Susan Swanson

Communion Assistants

- 4 Mark Rosenberg; Rachel Lindeen
- 11 Teresa Morehead; Bill Mundt
- 18 Mike Hopp; Julie Wischmeier
- 25 Steve & Sue Rogers

Lector

- 4 Rachel Lindeen
- 11 Mitchell Huston
- 18 Ron Kastner
- 25 Carlene Woodside



- 4 Dan & Julie Wischmeier
- 11 Ginny Mesecher
- 18 Sharon Martindale
- 25 Marlys McClurg & Vanette Wooldridge

Flowers

- 4 Susan Swanson
- 11 open
- 18 Bill Mundt
- 25 open

Missionary Support

- 4 open
- 11 open
- 18 open
- 25 open

Altar Guild

Kim Engle

Michelle & Tiffany Huppenbauer





Congratulations!

President: Dan Harken

Vice President: Tom Bonar

Secretary: Deb Hoxie

Treasurer: Mike Hopp

Congratulations to our newest Council Member, Tiffany Huppenbauer!

Here are your Council Members for the year 2024! Glad to have you all aboard!

Dan Harken Bev Sherbondy Sue Swanson

Tom Bonar Dirk Zaiser Vickie Stoller

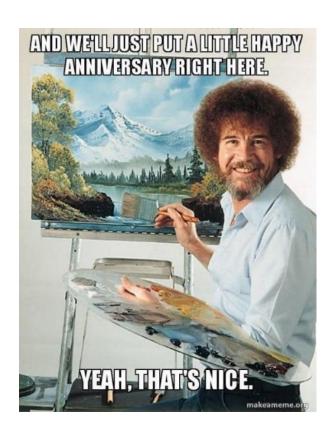
Deb Hoxie Teresa Morehead Julie Chubb

Mike Hopp Bill Mundt Tiffany Huppenbauer



February Anniversaries

- 9 Larry & Marlys McClurg 14 - Jim & Barb Morris; Matthew & Shannon Oetken
- 20 Robert & Doreen Roy





February BIRTHDAYS

- 9 Christine Timberlake
- 12 Sharon Adam
- 18 Sharon Eisenmayer
- 20 Norma Bock; Judy Craven
- 21 Makenzie Morris
- 22 Theresa Ryner
- 28 Genieve Hingst; Lori Rosenberg





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