



PREPARING FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is on February 17th this year. Once again, we are preparing for a virtual service. Now, I'm sure you are asking yourselves, "I wonder how she is going to do the imposition of ashes if we are virtual?" Excellent question. There were several ideas by local churches and after discussing the options with the Creative Worship Team, we have chosen:

White cloth, reusable masks with a painted cross will be made available to all members/regular attendees. They will be packaged and labeled for each person/family. Masks will be available for no-contact pick-up:

- February 8-11, from 9am – 12n
- February 14th (Sunday) from 11:15am – 1pm
- February 15-16, from 9am – 12n



If you cannot stop by and pick-up your own mask(s), please contact the church office and we will arrange to have them delivered to you.

Everyone will be asked to put on their masks during our virtual worship time when we reach the point of imposition of ashes in our service. Once worship is over, the masks should be washed prior to Easter Sunday, when we will start our 10:30am service wearing them again. The crosses will be made with washable paint so they should be easy to clean.

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BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 • Beverly Hoke | 15 • Christopher Waltz |
| 1 • Betty Leckrone | 16 • Kyle Herman |
| 1 • Robert Reitano | 19 • Brynn Zech |
| 2 • Linda Wetzel | 20 • Kori Eisenhart |
| 4 • Meghan Carson | 20 • Caden Nguyen |
| 4 • Adam Zech | 23 • Cory Keller |
| 6 • Sherry Hetrick | 23 • Jodi Snyder |
| 8 • Michael Carson | 24 • Chloe Nguyen |
| 9 • Debra Slenker | 27 • Riley Hauck |
| 11 • Marsha Briggs | 27 • Jeff Holdren |
| 11 • Benjamin Stambaugh | 27 • Raj Kumar |



ANNIVERSARIES

- 17 • Dick & Deanie Lloyd



PRESCHOOL NEWS

February is going to be a very busy month. We will be working on progress reports for all classes. The Pre-K classes will be having parent-teacher conferences.

We will be having a Valentine party in each class and talking about feelings. Other topics will be dental health, pets and other animals and continuing our numbers, letters and reviewing shapes and colors.

We are also registering students for our 2021-2022 school year. I am very excited by the interest so far. If you know of anyone looking for a Preschool, please let us know.

I am so proud of our staff, parents and children for keeping the school year going and their diligence in keeping us all healthy.

//Jackie Bailey, Director



PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

Jean Blauser • Lutheran SpiritTrust-Sprenkle Dr.
Martha Pringle • Manor Care - Kingston Court
Helen Bair • Manor Care - Dallastown
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Pastoral Reflections

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Psalm 51:10*

January is quickly drawing to a close. We all wished that 2021 would bring quieter times, new hope, and a return to more normal activities early on. Well, the year started off with more of the same – COVID still going strong with record numbers of cases being recorded and sadly, record numbers of deaths, as well. Add to that the political upheaval with the transition, and we are all happy to see January come to an end. We hope and pray that February and beyond will bring the quieter days, peace, and hope back into our hearts.

February 17th marks the beginning of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we pause to remind ourselves that we are joined with Jesus in his crucifixion. While this is a somber day, one that we are all too familiar with and wish to not linger on this year, we also pause to remember that we are joined with Jesus in his resurrection. There is hope for us. There are brighter days, new opportunities, and reasons to celebrate.

Lent is traditionally a time for spiritual spring cleaning. We often spend the weeks focusing on our “inner beings”, identifying and letting go of those things we no longer wish to hold onto, and seeking to fill ourselves with more positive, life-giving thoughts, spiritual practices, and daily activities and goals.

After the last 11 months that we have had, this Lent, I would encourage you to be gentle with yourselves. Rather than thinking of giving something up, think of adding something positive, joyful, and life-giving to your days. I invite you to spend some time thinking about where you are feeling out of touch, maybe even a bit hurt and in need of healing. Then invite God to fill you with what you need. If you can't name what you need, then maybe offer up your feelings to God and ask for help, for guidance, for healing. Then listen for how God is encouraging you to grow and bloom this year. Watch where God is showing up and seeking you out.

Remember, a gentle rain washes the earth clean just as much as a torrential downpour. We

don't need to scour our hearts in order to make room for God's loving presence and life-giving word for us. May this Lent be one for a closer walk with God through the garden of life.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Brenda



Council Members Needed

We are in need of someone for our Spiritual Formation position on Council. Council meets on the second Monday of every month at 6PM. If you would like to join council or have questions, please reach out to JoAnn Stoner at 717-880-6501.

Camping Season 2021

Penn Central Conference (PCC) and Evangelical Lutheran Churches of America (ELCA) come together to serve the children, youth and families of PCC.

At this time the ELCA is planning on an in-person camping season this coming summer. We hope that the availability of vaccines will enable full capacity. However, we must remain flexible and will adjust as needed.

For more information visit: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/>



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- We are preparing for the annual meeting on January 31st.
- We made an amendment to the bylaws. We will vote on it at the annual meeting.
- Preschool registration opens in February.

From your President . . .

Back on August 8, 1963, almost 250,000 people joined the march across the National Mall in Washington, DC to listen to Martin Luther King, Jr's famous "I Have a Dream Speech". At that time, it was the largest demonstration in US history. Federal authorities followed this march very closely as 19,000 troops were put on stand-by just in case any rioting took place. Fortunately, this demonstration ended up being peaceful.

It's a shame that the protesters from last summer and those protesters that were at the Capitol Building on January 6, 2021 did not adhere to Martin Luther King, Jr's "Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that". Hoefully, there was not any more violence, only peaceful demonstrations, during the week of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the Inauguration Day..

I read an article by Sarah Pruitt that gave me some insight into the March back in 1963. Despite playing a prominent role in the Civil Rights movement, no woman was initially given the task of speaking at the march that day. Thanks to Anna Hedleman, who was the only woman on the planning committee, women did end up playing a small role. "A Tribute to Negro Women Fighters for Freedom" recognized several women in the movement. Those women were asked to take a bow. Daisy Bates spoke saying, "We will sit-in and we will kneel-in and we will lie if necessary until every Negro can vote. This we pledge to the women of America".

One of 10 speakers at the march included a young man by the name of John Lewis. John Lewis, is the congressman from Georgia, who died last year. He was a modern champion of human rights. A year before his death, Mr. Lewis made the following statement, "The vote is precious. It is almost sacred. It is the most powerful non-violent tool we have in a democracy". Another quote, "If you are not hopeful and optimistic, then you just give up. You have to take that long hard look and just believe that if you are consistent, you will succeed."

Being a Baptist preacher, Kings' s speech included several biblical passages including, a reference from Psalms, "Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning". Also, a quote from the book of Isaiah, "Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low".

The speeches were covered by the 3 major networks, ABC, CBS, and NBC. It's believed that this was the first time that President John F. Kennedy had listened to a full speech from King. His speech left quite an impression on President Kennedy and helped to advance the Civil Rights legislation.

Despite all of the negative press in recent weeks, I want to leave you with a positive story. On the night of January 16, the Buffalo Bills beat the Baltimore Ravens in a football game. The Bills advanced to AFC championship for the first time since 1994. In the second half of the game, the Ravens quarterback, Lamar Jackson, was injured with an apparent concussion. During the game, Bills fans got online and started to donate to a cause that Lamar has been closely attached to since his collegian days at Louisville, "Blessing in a Backpack". Their mission is "to mobilize communities, individuals, and resources to provide food on the weekends for elementary school children across America who might otherwise go homeless". Over 7,000 individuals donated approximately \$150,000 to this charity by 2:00PM on Sunday, January 17, 2021. What a wonderful gesture by the Bills fans.

Stay safe and healthy,
Scott Shue





Virtual Table Talk (VTT)

February 12, 6:30-7:15pm

As we gather again in the month of January, we would like to invite you to a NEW opportunity to connect with other church members and friends around discussion of current topics. In the past, we have hosted Table Talk on Friday evenings and it may not have been convenient for members to be present at the church. What we have discovered is that virtual capabilities allow people to connect on a more informal basis in their own homes for a short period of time. Once again, we will gather via Zoom using an abbreviated version of the “Wired Word” format from Sunday, February 7th as our guide. Other issues may be addressed as determined by the group. If you do not currently receive the “Wired Word”, please contact Glenn Young - vizmas57@comcast.net

Zoom Meeting Link/Password: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3047880373?pwd=ZINFOWZBL2hzbFJqdjdKWjJwZHpFZz09>



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The Parable of the Two Builders

Matthew 7:24-27

February 19, 6:00-7:15pm



We invite you to a Zoom meeting so that you can experience our fifth Virtual Messy Church. This abbreviated version of Messy Church will include crafts, storytelling, food and more. We will be providing a supply kit that can be picked up at the church starting Monday, February 15th thru Thursday, February 18, 9:00-12am or Wednesday, February 17, 6:00-6-30pm. Join us for the FUN! Question? – contact Glenn Young at vizmas57@comcast.net

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Mr. Sandy’s Veteran Center

We would like to thank everyone who dropped off cold-weather gear for Mr. Sandy’s Veterans Center. It’s wonderful to see that we can still show our love for others when we are limited in being with others. God continues to shine!



MONTHLY SCRIPTURE

February 7, 2021
 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
 Isaiah 40:21-31
 Psalm 1:47:1-11, 20c
 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
 Mark 1:29-39

February 14, 2021
 Transfiguration
 2 Kings 2:1-12
 Psalm 50:1-6
 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
 Mark 9:2-9

February 21, 2021
 First Sunday in Lent
 Genesis 9:8-17
 1 Peter 3:18-22
 Mark 1:9-15

February 28, 2021
 Second Sunday in Lent
 Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
 Psalm 22:23-31
 Romans 4:13-25
 Mark 8:31-38

Worship News

Come join us as we break bread together by celebrating communion.

Feb 7, March 7, April 4



UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 12	Virtual Table Talk 6:30-7:15PM
Feb 17	Ash Wednesday 7PM
Feb 19	Virtual Messy Church 6-7:15PM

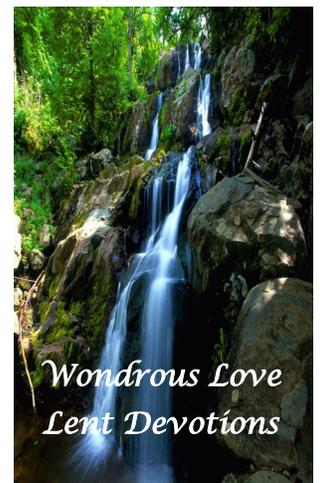


Book Club

Book Club has been cancelled until further notice.

Lenten Booklet

We will be sending the Lenten Booklet out to you via email this year. However, if you do not have email and/or would like a copy of the Lenten Booklet, please reach out to the church office to schedule to have one picked up or mailed to you.





CALENDAR //February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Council Meeting 6PM	9	10	11	12 Virtual Table Talk 6:30-7:15PM	13
14	15 President's Day Office CLOSED	16	17 Ash Wednesday 7PM	18	19 Virtual Messy Church 6-7:15PM	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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WORSHIP SUPPORT //February

*Due to worship services being held via Zoom and conference call, no volunteers are needed and altar flowers will not be ordered.

	February 7	February 14	February 21	February 28
Worship Leaders				
Greeters				
Nursery				
Bulletin Sponsor	* Be a Sponsor	* Be a Sponsor	* Be a Sponsor	* Be a Sponsor
Altar Flower Sponsor	* Be a Sponsor			
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