

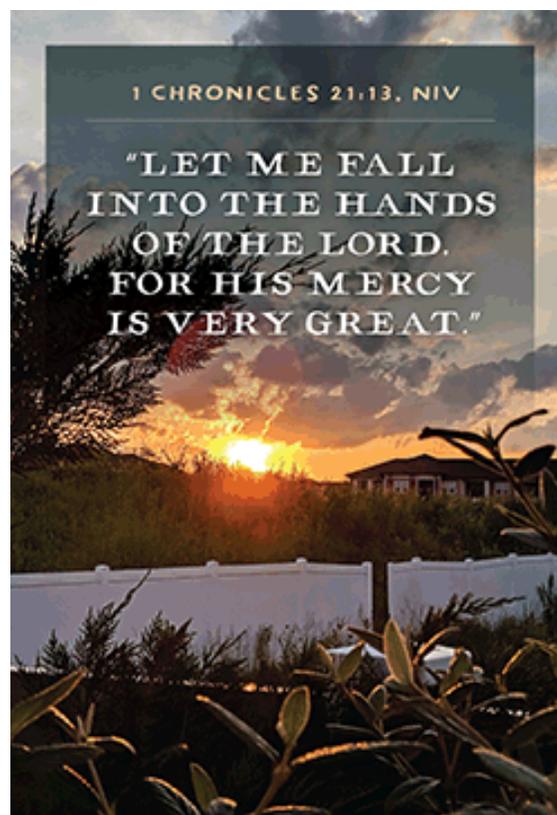
# The First Word

## February, 2020



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First Lutheran Church Mission Statement:  
Let all that you do be done in love.  
I Corinthians 16:14



Pastor Joel Bacon

# From the Pastor's Desk

February, 2020

One of the more difficult things that children struggle with is the language used by adults, mainly the language of idioms. I heard a child once say, "We danced the cows until they came home." She was trying to fit in and of course had moved the 'until' but still it is indicative of hearing an adult phrase and not being able to figure it out.

Think if a child heard that someone was **EXORCIZING HIS DEMONS**. The child would not think The Exorcist and about someone getting rid of what tormented him, the child would think exercise and would envision someone leading a bunch of monsters in calisthenics. A funny vision, for us, but pretty confusing for a child.

Imagine hearing that someone had a **CHIP ON HIS SHOULDER** or that **SHE HAS BAGGAGE**. Or that grandma had difficulty walking today because she had **BARKING DOGS?! Or that TRICK KNEE?** Does a rabbit get pulled out? And why oh why would you put a corn inside your shoe? **MY CORNS ARE ACTING UP**. Tough being a kid.

MAD Magazine, one of the greatest publications ever, would occasionally run a thing where they drew pictures of idioms as if the idioms were real and not metaphorical. So these idioms were given shape and form and personality. One of my favorites was **NURSING A GRUDGE**. There was a spiked, fanged, well-taloned hideous blob, in a diaper, quivering with excitement as this beautiful, corpulent and obviously lactating, woman came to nurse it. Who in their right mind would nurse a monster, keep it alive?! Makes no sense.

It is one of the things about the adult world that doesn't make sense to children - and maybe it shouldn't. Maybe it should be ridiculous to show how stupid it is. Who, in their right mind, would want to stay hurt? Who, in their right mind, would on purpose choose to keep anger or resentment alive? Maybe the key there is the phrase, *in their right mind*. Is it possible that we often let negative things build up because we aren't thinking straight? Maybe the idioms are supposed to be ridiculous to show the ridiculousness of some of the ways we hurt ourselves and each other. The reformer Martin Luther, when talking about anger and how things can sometimes control us when we let them said, "We cannot keep the bird from flying over our head but we can certainly keep it from nesting in our hair." We cannot keep something from making us angry, but we do decide whether or not to give it a home.

One of the key tenets of the Christian faith is forgiveness. Both for the sinned against and the sinner forgiveness is a key component to enjoying the precious gift of life. If a kid were to ask me why someone wanted to **NURSE A GRUDGE**, I would have difficulty answering. As a rule we do not intentionally hit our toe with a hammer. We do not, as a rule, grab a table fork and jab it in our own eye. Why, then, would we intentionally stay angry? I do not know. It really is as ridiculous as that MAD comic.

It's an **ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM**, do we **SWEEP IT UNDER THE RUG**, do we **FAN THE FLAMES**, do we **LET SLEEPING DOGS LIE?** Do we **STRIKE WHILE THE IRON IS HOT** or will that **MAKE A MOUNTAIN OUT OF A MOLEHILL?** I am a Pastor so I guess I will have to **KEEP MY NOSE TO THE GRINDSTONE**. So if my **NOSE IS A LITTLE OUT OF JOINT** it is because I ducked quickly away from the grindstone - self-preservation being what it is. I will try not to **KEEP MY EGGS IN ONE BASKET**, but it will be my responsibility to **KEEP BURNING THE MIDNIGHT OIL** so that these precious children, who are watching us, don't become us. Just imagine, it is so ridiculous some of the things we do, that we have to make a ludicrous idiom to describe it. Because sometimes the word stupid just plain gets worn out. Stupid can't **CUT THE MUSTARD ANYMORE**, is down to **BRASS TACKS**, the **LAST STRAW**, **WIT'S END**. But I don't want to go on and on like a **BROKEN RECORD**.

## Council Notes

### January 2020

The FCC has informed us that we will no longer be able to use the frequency assigned to our wireless microphones effective July first. That will require us to purchase new ones prior to that date. The ones we have are not able to be reprogrammed to a different frequency. Council approved moving forward with this purchase in the amount of \$3500 which includes a new mic for the lectern. Funds for this have been included in the 2020 spending plan.

Permission was granted to the US census bureau to use our room 4 for training workers for the upcoming census. Some of the requested days are in March and the balance are in May.

Council will begin work on a long-range plan for the congregation at our Feb meeting. 20-30 minutes meeting time each month will be devoted to this process until it is completed.

Our giving to the general fund for 2019 was up 8.77% over that of 2018. Total giving toward the general fund was \$406,683 and expenses were \$387,698 so we have a positive balance in the general fund to carry over into 2020. Thank you for your generous support for our ministries here at First Lutheran.

## Stewardship Message

### February 2020

Our stewardship theme for 2020 is "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." Of course all of us need to make a living. We need to provide all the necessities of life for ourselves and our families. And we have all heard about giving. We hear about giving of our time, talent and treasure. This giving is not limited to our support of our church or other causes.

Anne Bradley at the Institute for Faith, Work and Economics raises up a concept she calls "Whole Life Stewardship." She points out that we are stewards in all aspects of our lives. She says that work is what we do and stewardship is how we do it. Within all of our vocations we have opportunities to impact people and society in general in a positive way. Luther referenced vocation a lot making the point that we can serve God in what ever line of work that we have chosen. Each of us have different gifts and interests which can be shared with others so as to build a better community. Those gifts can be shared not only in the setting of the church where ever we impact those around us.

Thanks to all of you for your engagement in our ministry.

First Lutheran Stewardship Committee



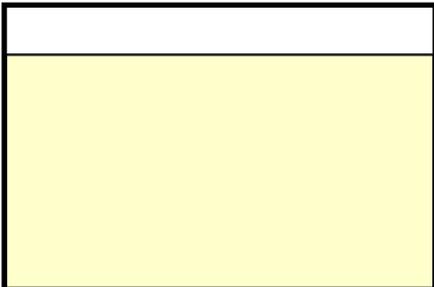
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**Lenten Coin Folders**

You should receive your Lenten Coin Folders for 2020 prior to Ash Wednesday which is on February 26th. These funds will be given to a charitable organization to be determined at the February Council Meeting.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL  
GIVING TO THE LORD'S WORK THROUGH  
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Jeannette Siemers  
Business Manager**

# Outreach



**The Card Ladies**  
**February 4, 2020**  
**9:30am**

Our new greeting card creations are from donated birthday, anniversary and sympathy cards. Check out our display located in the Narthex near the main entrance. Our prices are reasonable!



**The Cover Girls will meet on Thursday, Feb 13 & Feb 20 at 9:00 am**

Our group makes quilts which are given to Lutheran World Relief, as well as to various needs within the Hayward community.

**Everyone is welcome to join our group.** You don't need to be a seamstress — if you can tie a knot and enjoy fellowship, you can be a Cover Girl!

Donations of material and crochet thread are greatly appreciated.



**Purls of Prayer will meet on Saturday, February 15 at 9:30am**

We are an on-going outreach ministry for those in need of comfort and prayer, or are celebrating a special occasion.

We knit or crochet prayer shawls from yarn that has been donated to us. These beautiful creations are then blessed and given to friends and relatives so that they may feel the love of our Lord and Savior.

**The sympathy of the congregation** is extended to Ray and Alecia Austin on the passing of Ray's mother, Betty Austin, age 88, on Saturday, January 4. Her funeral was in Bloomington, IL on Friday, January 10, 2020.

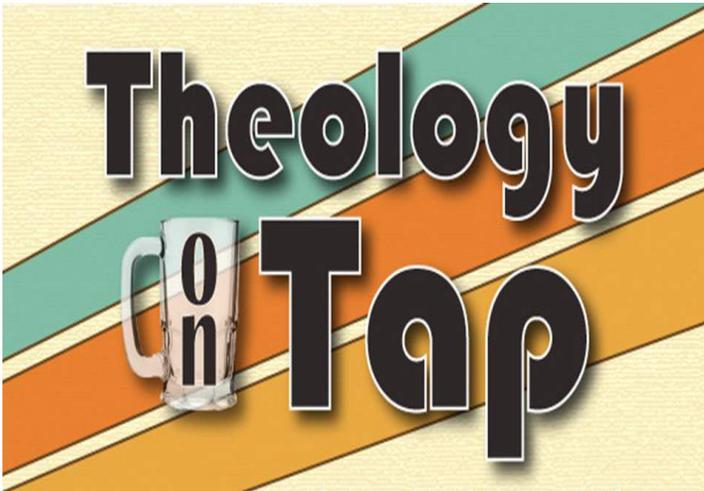


Even though Irene Ahrenkiel cannot make it to Cover Girls at church (to tie quilts) she continues to be a part of the group by tying baby quilts at her place. She does 3 to 4 baby quilts a month. These blankets will eventually go to the hospital for newborn babies. We appreciate Irene and her continued involvement.





Next Meeting Wednesday  
March 4, 2020  
first Wednesday every other month



### *Theology on Tap*

**TNT Sports Bar**  
**7:00 pm Tuesday, February 11**

**Topic**  
**Music Genres**



### **2020 Grief Support Schedule Six-Week Group (weekly)**

April 15, April 22  
April 29, May 6, May 13, May 20

September 10, September 17,  
September 24, October 1,  
October 8, October 15

*All meetings will be held at 1:00pm  
in the library at First Lutheran.*

### The Community Grief Ongoing Monthly Support Group

continues to meet on the  
**2nd Thursday** afternoon  
from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at  
First Lutheran Church.

This is a program of education and  
renewal for any person who has  
experienced loss through the death of  
a loved one.

A food donation bin is located in the Narthex at all times and the food is picked up each Monday morning. Your food or monetary donations would be greatly appreciated. Please note that monetary donations for the food shelf should be brought to the Church Office.

## An Evangelical Minute The Global Church

I can't think of a more appropriate time, having just ushered in a new year and decade to highlight the third area of priority of our ELCA campaign, the *Global Church*. The efforts in this area have seen a 64% increase in designated funding for existing & new ministry initiatives.

Today, more than 200 missionaries, including, Young Adults in *Global Mission*, serve in 42 countries around the world. In addition, scholarships & other educational opportunities empower international women leaders to assume even more important leadership roles in their home countries. Further, ministry grants are helping to build up Christ's Church throughout the world. All of this work is supported, in part, by our gifts to the *Global Church* priority.

Holy Father, we know that You call us into the world to act together. We ask for Your strength & guidance in these efforts to serve others.

In Christ, Amen



Many thanks to the ladies who baked and shared Christmas cookies.  
God bless you. Jane Wikum

THANKS  
— from the —  
HEART

We want to thank you all for the prayers and concern for our twins, Colson Wayne and Dean Thayne Bjelland. Prayers do work and with your prayers Colson and Dean are thriving. They were "at risk" babies from the start and were delivered on November 5, 2019: Colson weighed in at 2# 14 oz and Dean at 2# 7oz, at 29 weeks.

As of 1-01-2020 Colson weighs 7# 2 oz and Dean weighs 6# 6 oz They are still in NICU, but are out of the incubator into cribs and many tubes and IVs have been removed, but still monitored. We are allowed to hold them more and help with cares. Hopefully they can be released to us at the original due date of January 21, 2020. Please continue to pray for our little boys. God Bless each one of you.

Thank you,

Brittani and Brent Bjelland.

Pastor message regarding Lent.

Lent is a Church Season of repentance. It is the 46 days before Easter and in it we are trying to move away from the person we don't want to be and become the person we should be. It isn't easy. I am always haunted by the description of John the Baptist's ministry, given to his mother Elizabeth before he was even conceived, "**He will call the hearts of parents back to their children.**" And then I think about Jesus encouraging us to have **Faith as if a Child**.

My article this month is about the silliness of adult idioms and how they are often used to describe unacceptable adult behavior. Our children are watching. Let us covenant this Lent to being strong adults and role models for our children.

Our Lenten Series will be **Sign of the Cross**. It will be about how this Roman symbol of cruelty became a symbol of love and hope and what the **Sign of the Cross** can mean for centering our lives.

Lent begins Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> with worship at noon and 6:00pm. These worships will continue every Wednesday through and including April 1<sup>st</sup>. Soup luncheon at 11:00am on those Wednesdays starting March 4. Please join us.

## ADULT FORUMS STARTING IN FEBRUARY

Following completion of Augustine, we will begin a popular series from the Christian History Institute Collection called From Christ to Constantine - The Trial and Testimony of the Early Church. This is a series of 6 half hour programs, produced in consultation with an international team of scholars, takes you to the actual locations to show what the early church was like, how it spread, and the persecution it endured. The six series programs are: 1) Foundation - What do we know about Christ? What happened to his twelve apostles? 2) Spread - A word for all peoples. An impossible task, yet they blanketed the whole Roman Empire. How did these early believers get their message to the world? 3) Accusation - The Roman Empire had room for all kinds of religions, yet Christianity just didn't fit. Many charges were leveled against the believers - some will surprise you. 4) The mightiest empire in history unleashed repeated waves of persecution against the early believers. Why was the unarmed church such a threat to Rome? 5) Testimony - Heroic figures emerged. Their effect on the young church was far-reaching. Here are two: Polycarp and Perpetua. 6) Transition - When the Emperor Constantine came to the throne, the church was granted legal standing. Was this a blessing or a bane? Also, why did the early church succeed? There will be handouts available.



Carol Mooney Williamson will be retiring at the end of March. First Lutheran has a part-time Administrative secretary position available. If you have an interest in this job, please contact Jeff Hubbard, Personnel Committee Chairman. A job description is available upon request. All interested applicants are asked to complete an application with your resume attached. All applications must be submitted on or before February 15, 2020.  
*Rhonda Passolt*

## Koinonia (Koy-nohn-nee-ah) A Greek Word for Fellowship. (Feminine)

Greek word refers to fellowship, joint participations, partnership, communion—The sharing which one has in anything.

A gift jointly contributed. One's place in a group. A beautiful relationship of faith which connects true Christians to God.

# Bible STUDY Groups

## FAITH & HOPE & LOVE

Faith, Hope and Love Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 11 in the Church Library at 1:30 pm.  
Hostess:  
Liz Dokkestul  
Leader: Linda Gordon

## Jubilee Circle

Jubilee Circle will meet February 18 at 6pm in the library.

We welcome anyone interested to join us.

Please contact Rhonda Passolt at 715-634-1062 or 715-563-2502 or [passolt0826@yahoo.com](mailto:passolt0826@yahoo.com) with any questions.



**Peace Circle:** will meet on Tuesday, February 11 at 9:45 am in the church library.

Hostess: Grete Schuenzel Leader: Carol Schmidt

**Koinonia\* (formerly Women's Weekly Study) meets every Tuesday at 8:00am in the library at First Lutheran.**

This group meets each Tuesday morning for a light breakfast, fellowship and a study.

The are currently watching faith-based DVD's

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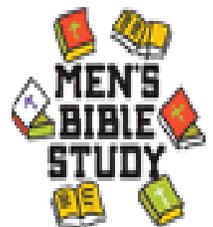
ADULT FORUM ON SUNDAYS

ADULT FORUM from approximately 9:05 - 9:55 in the Fellowship Hall. Grab a cup of coffee and a treat and join us for an interesting 50 minutes!

## Men's Bible Group

meets every week on Tuesdays at 8am. They are currently watching a video series on the New Testament.

You are welcome to come join them!





## Just Pray

Hey Pops, it's me again. Your whiny child looking for you to "fix" my problems again. I know I haven't quiet learned from the last time yet, but I swear...this time will be different. I have learned my lesson. It won't happen again. If you could just make this one thing happen right. Do your magic. I need this now. Thanks. Love ya! Bye!

Dear Lord, thank you for always being there for me. I know my sin is all around me. I know I continue to ask for forgiveness but continue to mess up. I promise I am trying my hardest and I do want to get it right. Could you please help me get this right? I love you, Jesus. Thank you for loving me. Amen.

Good morning Papa. Last night was a rough night. I couldn't sleep well. See, I broke my promise to you again. I said I would never do that again and I did. I hope you will find some way to forgive me and let me try again. Your love is the greatest and I cherish all you give me. Love and miss you. Later!

God just wanted you to know that I know that you know I messed up again. Oops. Sorry. Forgive Me. Aight.

Prayer is like a fingerprint. No two are the same. Above are four different examples of prayer. There isn't one prayer "better" than the other. There is no wrong or right way to pray.

God tells us to talk to him. He wants to hear our thoughts (although He already knows them). He wants to feel our emotions.

It doesn't matter if you fold your hands, kneel on the floor, whisper or shout. God just wants to hear from you...all the time. Good or bad. Happy or sad. For yourself or for others.

Simple prayers are just as effective as complex prayers. Start with "Good morning God." "Thank you, Jesus." "Be with me in the storm." Do this a few times a day. Just a statement or two to the Man Upstairs.

One of my favorite prayers is "Um, God...what are you doing?" For me and God, it is my way of telling Him that I am paying attention. It is not a plea for help or guidance, just an observation that I am noticing what is around me.

God is listening. Are you talking?

Many blessings~

*Tiffany Chipman*  
Director of Youth & Education

## Youth Calendar of Events February, 2020:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Pizza Making - 10am
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Pizza Distribution - 9am-10am
- 11<sup>th</sup>: Youth Committee 5:15 (Special Meeting)
- 12<sup>th</sup>: Confirmation Student/Mentor Meeting 7:30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup>: Valentine's Dinner & Bingo Night 6pm
- 16<sup>th</sup>: Youth Led Worship 10am
- 17<sup>th</sup>: Youth Committee 5pm
- 19<sup>th</sup>: No Wednesday Nite Live
- 21<sup>st</sup>: Camp Birkie (7:30am-5pm)
- 22<sup>nd</sup>: Camp Birkie (6am-5pm)
- 25<sup>th</sup>: Parent Squad 6pm
- 26<sup>th</sup>: Ash Wednesday (Intergenerational Lenten Series)

## Super Bowl Pizzas

If you ordered a pizza or two, be sure to pick them up on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> between worship services. If you need a different day or time to pick up your pizza, please contact Tiffany Chipman to make arrangements.

*Thank you to all that continue to help and support our youth. We greatly appreciate it!*



## Valentine's Dinner

- Date: Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>
- Time: 6pm dinner & 6:30pm Bingo
- Where: First Lutheran Fellowship Hall
- Cost: \$6/person (includes dinner & Bingo)

All are welcome for a family-style dinner and Bingo for Valentine's Day.  
Dinner includes: choice of Spaghetti & Meatballs or Chicken Alfredo, Salad, Breadsticks, Dessert & Beverage.

Bingo: To start at 6:30pm. Prizes up for grabs!



## Intergenerational Lenten Series:

During the Lent season our confirmation students and adult mentors meet for worship, discussion and activities. For 6 weeks this group will focus on bridging the generations through Christ.

Students and mentors will meet every Wednesday from 6pm-8pm, starting on Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> and ending on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> (our last Lenten Wednesday).

\*\*\*Students - please contact your mentors and let them know you are excited to work with them again this year. Need a mentor??? Tiffany & Pastor are here to help!

**Student/Parent/Mentor meeting is Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.**



Bark & Mend

## Want to be a mentor to our youth????

We are looking for adults that are interested in being mentors for our confirmation students. Responsibilities would be a minimum of attending all Wednesday evening worship and activity times with the students during Lent. If you are interested, please contact Tiffany Chipman. A list will be provided to all students in need of mentors.

## Alleluia Sign:

On Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, high school youth will make an Alleluia sign which will be used on Ash Wednesday by our confirmation youth to be rolled up until Easter. Marking the start of Lent.

*Alleluia!*

## Fat Tuesday & Palm Burning:

Terrific Tuesday youth will participate in the preparations of Lent by hosting a Fat Tuesday party and palm burning on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Youth will share favorite snacks and learn the meaning of Fat Tuesday. Following snack time, we will gather together over the fire pit to burn palm branches to be used for Ash Wednesday.



## Banana Bread Making

Birkie is donating all leftover bananas that we will turn into Banana Bread & muffins for delivery to our nursing homes and schools. Tentative plan for making and baking is Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am. Please see bulletin and announcements for more information as time gets closer.

### Parent Squad:

Tuesday, February 25 from 6pm-8pm  
Topic: Church & Home—What parents can do.  
Location: Bergschnieder's home

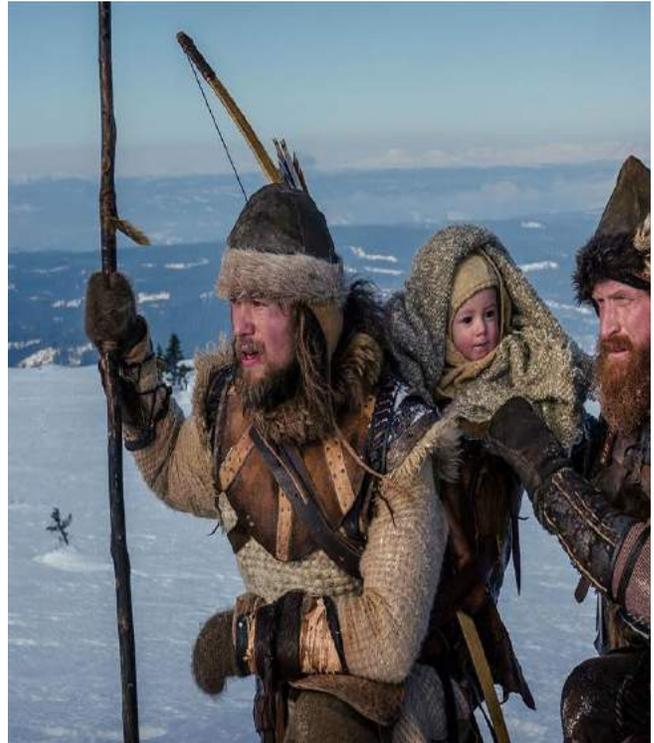
All parents are welcome.

### Camp Birkie Fundraiser:

Middle school and high school students will again work together as babysitters for Birkie weekend. Camp Birkie is set for Friday (02/21) and Saturday (02/22).

Students should sign up at the Welcome Center to help care for the children. Shifts are set in 3-hour groups.

Funds raised go towards the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering.



### Lock-Ins:

#### K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:

Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> - Drop off at 7pm  
Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> - Pick up at 8am



Please sign up at Welcome Center. A minimum of 10 students needed for this event to happen. Deadline for sign up is Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> - Drop off at 6pm  
Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> - Pick up at 8am

Please sign up at Welcome Center. A minimum of 10 students needed for this event. Deadline for sign up is Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

# Country Capers with Jan *presents*



## PORTUGAL & SPAIN: TREASURES ALONG THE GOLDEN DOURO

Departure Date

***April 9, 2021 - April 23, 2021***

Join us on this picturesque cruise & tour into the heart of the Douro Valley. You will revel in beautiful landscapes and verdant countryside, where roads lead to medieval hillside towns. Discover the cultural capitals of Spain and Portugal, including Lisbon, Madrid, and Porto. From town to country are 29 included sightseeing tours and Cultural Connections. We have fifteen days to learn about the economy and lifestyle of these beautiful countries. Please join us.

Contact:

Jan Wege at 715/634-8101, Email: [muskymania@centurytel.net](mailto:muskymania@centurytel.net)

*Brochures are available in the church office.*

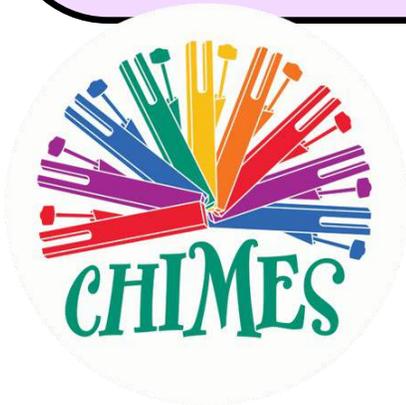
*Orientation Meeting for traveling to  
Portugal and Spain will be held on  
March 15, 2020, 3pm, at First Lutheran Church*

## Choir Schedule

The Choir will be singing at the following worship services

8am	February 2
10am	February 9
8am	February 16
10am	February 23
6pm	February 26 Ash Wednesday

Rehearsals Wednesdays at 6pm



First Lutheran Church has inherited a four-octave set of Schulmerich Handchimes.

Rehearsals will be held on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday at 9:05am, between services

The Spirit Within will be playing at the following services;

10am	February 2
5pm	February 15
10am	February 16

Thank you...Shelley, Julie, Ann, Rhonda  
Randy, Pete, Mike, Ray  
Lea and Dennis

Practice times are every Thursday at 5:15pm

# The Spirit Within



Hello First Lutheran Family,

Our family is kicking off our 2020 "Love Someone with Glut 1" Campaign with the Glut1 Foundation and we'd love for you to join us again this year.

As many of you know, Ethan, our son, was diagnosed with a rare disease called, Glucose 1 Transporter Deficiency (Glut1). It is considered rare because less than 1,000 children have been diagnosed with the deficiency throughout the world. For Ethan it means daily uncontrollable seizures. They are brief seizures, lasting about 3-10 seconds, but are very frequent with approximately 20 on a good day and over 100 on a bad day. These seizures cause him some cognitive and fine motor delays.

The Glut1 Foundation holds an annual "Love Someone with Glut1" fundraising campaign during the month of February - Rare Disease Month. All funds raised will go to support the Glut1 Foundation - a non-profit organization run by a wonderful team of volunteer parents of children living with Glut1. They work extremely hard to learn all they can about Glut1, educate all of the other families with Glut1, support research studies, and are a tremendous shoulder for people, like us, to lean on. Our family is honored to invite you to join us in this campaign.

Since joining this campaign 8 years ago, we have been so touched by our amazing community of support - our family, friends, church family, and the Hayward community at large. We are forever grateful for your support to this campaign but also for your overall support, prayers, kindness, interest, and generosity to our family over the years.

Ethan has set a goal of raising **\$10,000**. Last year, thanks to all of you, he raised \$10,260. He is confident that, with your support, he will reach this goal and also play a significant role in raising important awareness about this disease and other rare diseases that touch so many families around the world. **The campaign will run from February 14<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

If you feel inspired to join Ethan, here's how you can make a donation.

**Check or Cash Donation:** You can send a check, made out to the Glut1 Foundation, to our home address at 7476N Pat's Landing Rd, Hayward, WI 54843. If you'd like to donate cash, please feel free to be in touch with one of our family members and we'll be happy to send it into the Foundation on your behalf.  
715-945-2148

**Online Donation:** You can go to <https://www.flipcause.com/secure/fundraiser/NzM4NDc=/42236> and make a donation directly to Ethan's page.

All donations to the Glut1 Foundation in honor of Ethan are tax deductible.

Your continued support through prayer is equally important - we are so grateful.

Thank you, Kris & Randy Neumann



**Communion Bread Makers  
for the Month of February**

Feb 1/2	Pam Swanson
Feb 8/9	Shara Fredrickson
Feb 15/16	Sharron Probyn
Feb 22/23	Lori Laberee
Feb 26	Ash Wed
	Nancy Woodbeck
Feb 29/Mar1	Liz Dokkestul

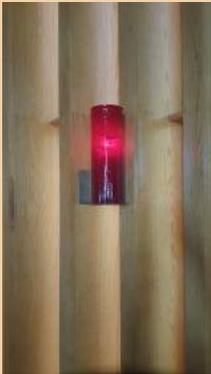
**Altar Guild  
members for the month  
of February are:**

Linda Graham\*  
Donna Gilbertson  
Paula Gaida  
Tiffany Chipman  
Maureen Schreiber  
Jan Wege  
Barb Jacobsen

\* Team Leader  
**\*\*Thank you for your willingness  
to serve\***



**Eternal Candle Sponsors for February**



Georgia Frye	In memory of grandparents Stella & John Hohmann
Mackenzie & Parker Forrester	In memory of Kathy Forrester
Schlapper Family	In memory of Dayne & Drew Schlapper

Please sign up on the Eternal Flame clip board if you wish to be a sponsor.  
Please give Jeannette the sponsor funds when you sign up.

There is room for more Eternal Candle Sponsors, please sign up and let  
the office know. Thank you!!!

**Photo of proposed  
lighting pendants.**

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**Sanctuary Lighting  
Project**

We have met  
**\$29,595.52**  
of our 48,000 goal!

## First Lutheran Church Women February, 2020

### First Lutheran Church Women February 2020

The women of First Lutheran celebrated Thankoffering weekend this past week. We do this in honor of the past brave women who made a difference in their churches through missions. I want to thank all who participated and who gave to the offering for our missions. We come from a long line of brave committed women who made a difference and we still are making a difference in this church and churches around the world. Martin Luther told us about Vocation or Calling in all aspects of life. We are called to respond to God in our relationships with family and friends, in our work, and in our communities. We are learning how our biblical forebears heard the call and responded. May we all listen for God's call to be workers in His kingdom.

I am thinking of one of our circle members today, Vi Jacobson on her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday. May God Bless her and keep her in His Care. She has been blessed with a long and full life. Happy Birthday Vi, you are special to all of us.

Our Circles Peace and Faith Hope and Love are again studying from the Gather Magazine "**We are Called**". We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the church library on February 11<sup>th</sup>

#### **Peace Circle Meet at 9:45 AM**

**Leader:** Grete Schuenzel  
**Hostess:** Carol Schmidt

#### **Faith Hope & Love Circle Meets at 1:30 PM**

**Leader:** Linda Gordon  
**Hostess:** Liz Dokkestul

**Jubilee Circle** meets on the third Tuesday of the month at the church library at 6 PM.

**Leader:** Rhonda Passolt. They are using a bible study **Seamless by Angie Smith**.

They will meet on February the 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. They encourage you to bring a beverage.

**Koinonia\*** (formerly **Women's Weekly Study**) meets every Tuesday at 8am in the church library for fellowship and a light breakfast. They are watching inspirational DVDs with discussions to follow. All are welcome to join.

As a Packer fan "We could only be so lucky as to win the Superbowl." May the best team win!

And in this lighter tone, I hope the Groundhog doesn't see his shadow and we have fairer weather on its way and may the skiers have a great Birkebeiner Race and our community enjoy all the festivities.

May God Bless us and keep us in His peace.

Linda Gordon

\* **Definition on page 6**





**February 2, 2020**  
**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Presentation of Our Lord**

**Prayer of the Day**

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia.* Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. *Alleluia.* (Matt. 5:12)

**Readings and Psalm**

**Micah 6:1-8**

The offering of justice, kindness, humility

**Psalm 15**

Lord, who may abide upon your holy hill? (Ps. 15:1)

**1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

Christ crucified, the wisdom and power of God

**Matthew 5:1-12**

The teaching of Christ: Beatitudes

**Preface** Sundays

**Color** Green



**February 9, 2020**  
**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Prayer of the Day**

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia.* Jesus says I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will have the light of life. *Alleluia* (John 8 -12)

**Readings and Psalm**

**Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)**

The fast that God chooses

**Psalm 112:1-9(10)**

Light shines in the darkness for the upright. (Ps 112:4)

**1 Corinthians 2:1-12(13-16)**

God's wisdom revealed through the Spirit

**Matthew 5:13-20**

The teaching of Christ; salt and light

**Preface** Sundays

**Color** Green



**February 16, 2020**  
**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Prayer of the Day**

O God the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia.* You are the light of the world. A city set upon a hill cannot be hid. *Alleluia.* (Matt. 5:14)

**Readings and Psalm**

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

Choose life

**Psalm 119:1-8**

Happy are they who follow the teaching of the Lord. (Ps. 119:1)

**1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

God gives the growth

**Matthew 5:21-37**

The teaching of Christ: forgiveness

**Preface** Sundays

**Color** Green



**February 23, 2020**  
**Last Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**Prayer of the Day**

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as you children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia.* This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him! *Alleluia.* (Luke 9:35)

**Reading and Psalm**

**Exodus 24:12-18)**

Moses enters the cloud of God's glory

**Psalm 2**

You are my son; this day I have begotten you. (Ps. 2:7)

**2 Peter 1:16-21**

Shining with the glory of God

**Matthew 17:1-9**

Christ revealed as God's beloved son.

**Preface** Transfiguration

**Color** White



*Happy Birthday to  
Vi Jacobson who  
celebrated her 105th  
birthday on  
January 16, 2020.*



Welcome **First Word Last Bite** recipe sharing column.

If you have a favorite recipe, please submit to

**Carol Mooney Williamson at  
[carolmw@firstlutheranhaywardwi.net](mailto:carolmw@firstlutheranhaywardwi.net)**



### **Morning Glory Muffins (from Food Network Magazine)**

Submitted by Carol Schmidt

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| 1 cup vegetable oil (I used less - $\frac{3}{4}$ cup) | $\frac{1}{2}$ c. sweetened shredded coconut |
| 3 extra large eggs                                    | $\frac{1}{2}$ c. raisins                    |
| 2 t. vanilla extract                                  | 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. all-purpose flour        |
| 2 cups grated carrots                                 | 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. sugar                    |
| 1 apple, unpeeled and grated                          | 1 T. ground cinnamon                        |
| 1 (8 ounces) can crushed pineapple, drained           | 2 t. baking soda                            |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ c. pecans, roughly chopped              |   |

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line muffin pans with paper muffin cups or grease pan. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, oil and vanilla. Add the carrots, apple, pineapple, pecans, coconut and raisins and stir together. In a medium bowl, sift together the flour, sugar, cinnamon, baking soda and salt. Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and stir just until combined. Scoop the batter into the prepared muffin cups. Bake to 30 to 35 minutes, until a toothpick comes out clean. Place the pan on a baking rack to cool. Makes 14 to 16 muffins.



## COMMUNITY MEAL

Every Wednesday  
Night  
At 5:00 pm

~THANK YOU~

Jim & Maureen  
Schreiber  
For overseeing the  
month of January

Everyone is welcome!

A community meal is served in Fellowship Hall here at First Lutheran Church every Wednesday evening at 5:00pm.

The meal is free of charge, or if you wish, you may make a free will donation. The meals are nutritious and are prepared and served by volunteers from the Church congregation, as well as volunteers within the community.

If you wish to help in this important ministry, please look at the sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center. See who is in charge for the month and give them a call or sign-up to help.

### January Weekly Wednesday Night Supper Sponsors

- 1 Patty Treland, Cheryl Treland, Betz Latsch & Victoria Treland - Carry Out
- 8 Nancy Nelson and Hayward Lions
- 15 Maureen Schreiber and Friends
- 22 Karen Menke & St. Joseph
- 29 Kym Kirk and Chequamegon Lions "Souper Bowl"



### Movie Night

Friday, February 21, 2020

The Tomorrow Man

Color, PG-13, 97 Minutes

Ed Hemsler spends his life preparing for a disaster that may never come. Ronnie Meisner spends her life shopping for things she may never use. In a small town somewhere in America, these two people will try to find love while trying not to get lost in each other's stuff..

\$5 donation

Pizza Will Be Served

Genres: Dramas,  
Romantic Dramas, Indie Dramas  
Indie Romance



Check out our First Lutheran Church Website at:

<http://www.firstlutheranhaywardwi.org>

We have several online ways to contribute to First Lutheran Church ministries.

#### **Give+ Mobile**

The Give+ Mobile app offers you a way to make convenient credit or debit card donations quickly through your Android or Apple phones.

The Give+ app is free, secure and easy to use. Simply go to the App Store and search for "**give plus Church**" to download and start donating today.

**Automatic withdrawal** from your banking account. You may set the amount of your contribution, the date, the frequency. Contact the office for more information.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Be sure to continue to visit First Lutheran's website for the latest in events that can be found in the box titled "Coming Up!" on the home page.

#### **Daily Devotionals**

Check out the home page: there is a new devotional every day sponsored by Luther Seminary titled **God Pause Daily Devotion**. Clicking on the devotion box will take you to the entire devotional.

#### **Weekly Sermons/Bulletin**

Sermons and weekly bulletins are available online the following Monday and are available for four weeks.

If you have additional ideas for our website or updates, please contact Sue Reinardy at [sreinardy@centurytel.net](mailto:sreinardy@centurytel.net)



"Day 1", a voice of mainline Christian Churches, presents messages by clergy representing mainline Christian faiths, including those of the ELCA. Peter Wallace, host for each broadcast, facilitates discussion with clergy on timely topics. This radio ministry reaches our shut-ins, visitors to the area, and others for whom regular worship and Church affiliation are not a part of their daily lives. The cost per broadcast is \$30.

We have First Lutheran members sponsor the "Day 1" weekly segments on radio station WRLS-FM (92.3). These segments air at 8:30am every Sunday. The sponsorship of a broadcast may be in honor of a person, or special occasion, or in memory of a loved one and is open to all.

January 19th in memory of Don Harms by Judy and Family.

January 26th in memory of Doug Wikum and Bill & Diane Weinstock by Jane and Family



# Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*God's work. Our hands.*

*We are a Church that is deeply rooted—and always being made new.*

## If anyone is in Christ...

We are deeply rooted. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is still comparatively new as a Church body, and yet our roots are much deeper than our 25 years together. The taproot of our life extends through the histories of predecessor Churches in the United States, through the formative witness of the 16th century evangelical reformers and their confessional writings, to the Scriptures and the word of Christ. Our life is in Jesus Christ. We are deeply rooted in his word of forgiveness and the promises of God's steadfast love and mercy. The word of Christ dwells in us richly. God nourishes us as one body in Jesus Christ with companions from around the globe who meet us at Christ's table of grace.

## ...there is a new creation

We are being made new every day. In Jesus Christ we are not unchanged. What God does in Christ is as radical as the death and resurrection of baptism, where new creatures in Christ rise to live "no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them." God is bringing that new creation to life among us in the ministry of reconciliation. In that service we no longer see each other as we did before. We are no longer strangers, competitors or enemies to each other. We are beloved companions in one body, restored to a communion where the rich diversity of our experiences, wisdom and abilities serve the common good in Christ. The new creation in Christ rises to life **among us** every day.

### OFFICE HOURS

- Monday - Thursday  
8:30—4:00
- Friday  
8:30—12:00

### WEEKLY BULLETIN

If you would like to submit information for the weekly bulletin, it is due to

**Carol Williamson** by 4:00pm each Wednesday

### FIRST WORD

ALL ARTICLES for the First Word newsletter are to be sent to **Carol** at

[carolmw@firstlutheranhaywardwi.net](mailto:carolmw@firstlutheranhaywardwi.net)

by 12:00 pm the 17th of February for the March First Word (Due to short month)

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# Caring and Praying

## CARE CENTERS

### Aspen Acres

10214 Rock Creek Rd  
Hayward, WI 54843

Service Feb 6  
at 9:45 am

- ◆ Irene Ahrenkiel
- ◆ Mel Friske

### Care Partners Assisted Living

15497 Pinewood Drive  
Hayward, WI 54843

### Country Terrace

10260 White Birch Lane  
Hayward, WI 54843

### Hayward Health Center

10775 Nyman Avenue  
Hayward, WI 54843

- ◆ Liz Webber

### Water's Edge

11044 N State Rd 77  
Hayward, WI 54843

Service Feb 6  
at 11:15am

#### Care Center

- ◆ Irene Byerly
- ◆ Ralph and Carol Cornell
- ◆ Vi Jacobson
- ◆ Colleen Moreland
- ◆ Paul Pedersen
- ◆ Joyce Zaspel

#### Assisted Living

- ◆ Clare Jacobson
- ◆ Karen Luebke
- ◆ Dennis and Dolores (Dode) Marquardt
- ◆ Gene Nelson
- ◆ Dorothy Persson

## CHRONIC/LONG-TERM ILLNESS

John Jaeckel

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Lucille Ackley  
Celia Anderson  
Jerry Bernard  
Dean Bjelland  
Colson Bjelland  
Billy Cline  
Mary Crippen  
Catherine Cushman  
Kay Edwards  
Carmen Gillis  
Brenda Hanson  
Denise Leasure  
Dode Marquardt  
Palmer McCoy  
Colleen Moreland  
Dawn Saxum  
Anna Suzan  
Edie Vallem  
Liz Webber  
Barbara Williamson



# 2020 February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>1</b> 10:00 AM Pizza Making Youth 5:00 PM Worship
<b>2</b> Pizza Pick up 8:00 AM Worship 8:30 AM Teen Room Open 9:00 AM Coffee & Fellowship 9:05 AM Adult Forum 9:05 AM Chinese Rehearsal 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship	<b>3</b> 6:00 PM Ski at "OO"	<b>4</b> 8:00 AM Kironia 8:00 AM Men's Bible Group 9:30 AM Card Ladies 10:45 AM Music & Worship 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 3:00 PM Teen Room Open 3:00 PM Terrific Tuesday	<b>5</b> 8:45 AM G-HVA - Pastor 1:30 PM Hayward Youth Network 3:00 PM Teen Room Open 5:00 PM Community Supper 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Live 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 9:45 AM Aspen Acres Communion 10:30 AM Hayward Health Communion 11:15 AM Water's Edge Communion 5:15 PM The Spirit Within Rehearsal	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 5:00 PM Worship
<b>9</b> 8:00 AM Worship 8:30 AM Teen Room Open 9:00 AM Coffee & Fellowship 9:05 AM Adult Forum 9:05 AM Chinese Rehearsal 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Baptism 10:00 AM Worship	<b>10</b> 5:00 PM MCC Sec Meeting Library 5:30 PM Congregational Council 6:00 PM Ski at "OO"	<b>11</b> 8:00 AM Kironia 8:00 AM Men's Bible Group 9:45 AM Peace Circle 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:30 PM Faith, Hope & Love Circle 3:00 PM Teen Room Open 3:00 PM Terrific Tuesday 5:00 PM Sawyer City Connecting for Kids 5:15 PM Youth Committee 7:00 PM Theology On Tap	<b>12</b> 3:00 PM Teen Room Open 5:00 PM Community Supper 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Live 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Confirmation Mentor Meeting	<b>13</b> 9:00 AM Cover Girls 1:00 PM Grief Support Monthly 5:15 PM The Spirit Within Rehearsal	<b>14</b> 6:00 PM Valentines Dinner & Brng	<b>15</b> 9:30 AM Puts of Prayer 5:00 PM Worship
<b>16</b> 8:00 AM Worship 8:30 AM Teen Room Open 9:00 AM Coffee & Fellowship 9:05 AM Adult Forum 9:05 AM Chinese Rehearsal 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship- Youth Led	<b>17</b> 2:30 PM Personnel - Library 5:00 PM Youth Committee - Rm 4 6:00 PM Ski at "OO"	<b>18</b> 8:00 AM Kironia 8:00 AM Men's Bible Group 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 3:00 PM Teen Room Open 3:00 PM Terrific Tuesday 6:00 PM Jubilee Circle-Library	<b>19</b> 8:45 AM Pastor-G-HVA 5:00 PM Community Supper 5:00 PM Fellowship 6:00 PM No Wednesday Night Live 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>20</b> 9:00 AM Cover Girls 5:15 PM The Spirit Within Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 7:30 AM Camp Blkie 5:30 PM Friday Night Movie	<b>22</b> Walking Together - Synod 6:00 AM Camp Blkie 5:00 PM Worship
<b>23</b> 8:00 AM Worship 8:30 AM Teen Room Open 9:00 AM Coffee & Fellowship 9:05 AM Adult Forum 9:30 AM No Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship	<b>24</b> 6:00 PM Ski at "OO"	<b>25</b> 8:00 AM Kironia 8:00 AM Men's Bible Group 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 3:00 PM Teen Room Open 3:00 PM Terrific Tuesday 3:15 PM Hayward Health- G-HVA 4:00 PM Water's Edge- G-HVA 5:00 PM Fat Tuesday/Waffle Dinner 6:00 PM Parent Squad	<b>26</b> 12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service 5:00 PM Community Supper 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Live 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>27</b> 8:30 AM Mary Hands Day 5:15 PM The Spirit Within Rehearsal	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 5:00 PM Worship
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# Worship With Us!

Saturday—5:00 pm

Sunday—8:00 am and 10:00 am

**Everyone is Welcome!**

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