

The Communicator

February 2017



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

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I wish to highlight a few events in our Congregations life this month that I hope will draw your involvement.

The year 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. In 1517, the German monk Martin Luther collected 95 points to stoke discussion about the corruption of the medieval Church. He then nailed his famous “95 Theses” to the door of his hometown church in Wittenberg. With that small symbolic act, Luther unleashed a storm of change, kicking off the most important religious event of the last millennium—the Protestant Reformation

While there have been good movies about Martin Luther, this movie contains a broader coverage—explaining the historic, economic, and social context of the Reformation, and how tis tumultuous age helped Europe leave the Middle Ages and enter our Modern Age.

The Monday and Tuesday Bible Studies have been looking at this Luther and the Reformation DVD and I want to make it available to the broader congregation. I intend to show it during the Sunday School hour on February 5 and 19. It will be shown in the meeting room on the lower level. I seek to allow time for discussion and question as time allows.

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR RELATIONSHIPS— In keeping with St. Valentine’s Day, we are celebrating relationships during our worship services on February 12. We give thanks for marriages, parental, sibling or any relationship you may wish to celebrate. Join us for a coffee hour following each service. There will also be opportunity for members who wish to renew their wedding vows to do so during the Prayers of the Church.

LYO SOUPER BOWL is Sunday, February 5. The youth are asking everyone to bring a can of soup and a dollar. This year the proceeds and the soup will go to Maggie’s place. To help celebrate Super Bowl Sunday we’re asking the congregation to wear their favorite sports jerseys to Church.

The Burying of the alleluias will take place on February 26 at both worship services. (Please see the article in this newsletter explaining the history of the burying of the alleluias)

Don’t forget the **Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper** on February 28 at 6:00 PM There will be a sign up sheet available in the narthex and on the tan response sheet. A freewill offering will be received with the proceeds going to Richards House, a ministry for homeless vets.



**Tuesday, February
28
6:00 PM
Great Food**

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February Birthdays

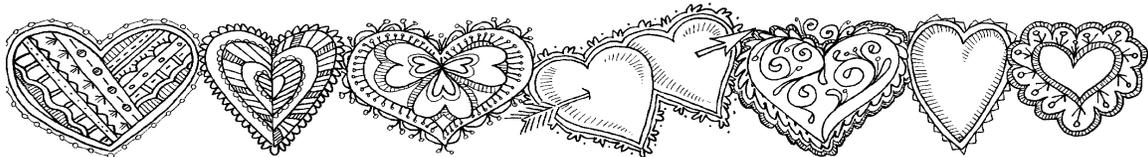
FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS . . .
 HAPPY BIRTHDAY and BEST WISHES to all these members of Our Saviour who celebrate birthdays during the month of February. We pray for your continued growth in God's grace.

- 1-Joan Plowe
- 1-Chloe Evans
- 7-Kevin Yackel
- 7-Daniel Stich
- 8-Thomas Vasile
- 9-Pamela Spencer
- 10-Karen Yackel
- 10-Jacqueline Greene
- 11-Rosemary Peters

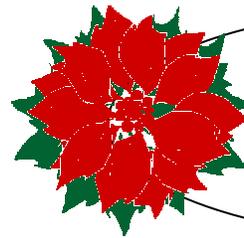
- 11-Morgan Maas
- 12-Brian Spencer
- 12-Patrick Dougherty
- 12-Kourtney Gates
- 13-Cheryl Wehrmann
- 13-James Meyer
- 14-Scott Cabic
- 14-Ludwig Kardos
- 14-Karen Osterling
- 14-Alexandria Guiles
- 15-Thomas Glanville Jr.
- 15-Sophia Reese
- 16-Devin Patrick Mochrie
- 17-Donna Hladis
- 17-Brandon Izzo
- 17-Ella Wanzenried
- 17-Brendan Shannon
- 18-Amy Hahn
- 18-Jean Schilling
- 19-Joseph Sunzeri
- 19-Peyton Osterling
- 19-Katie Doherty
- 20-Valerle Baird
- 21-David Saur
- 22-Karen Stelljes
- 23-Sandra Austin
- 23-Tyler Emerson

- 24-Larry Hopkins
- 24-Sandra Tesch
- 24-Donald Turner
- 26-Lawrence Kitts
- 27-Christine Parry

W I N T E R



THANK YOU
 To all the Boards who submitted their reports in a timely fashion this year. It makes my job easier.



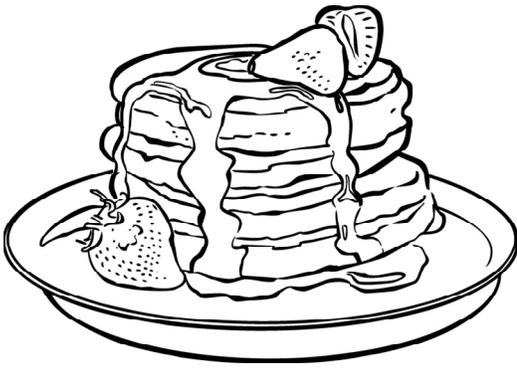
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PLACED PIONSETTIAS FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

*Thank you from Alice Poper,
 Wedding Planner —
 Your thoughtful gift brought a smile to my face and was appreciated.*



*THE CHURCH STAFF WOULD LIKE TO ONCE AGAIN THANK THE CONGREGATION FOR THE GENEROUS CHRISTMAS BONUS.
 GOD BLESS YOU!*

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 28 at 6:00 PM



Shrove Tuesday forms an integral part of the [Christian calendar](#) that venerates 'the [eve](#) of Lent'. Lent marks the forty days and nights of fasting as well as prayers just before the [Easter](#) festival.

Historians came up with numerous findings that were associated with the origin of Shrove Tuesday. The word 'shrove' has been derived from the English verb "shrive," which signifies the act of obtaining forgiveness for one's sins through confession and undergoing penance.

Needless to mention, Shrove Tuesday therefore is a day where one [confesses](#) their sins and asks God for absolution. Earlier it was feted by Anglo-Saxon Christians who used to confess before receiving absolution. It took place some-time before 'Lent'. According to them, on this day there were [gala](#) feasts of

pancakes thereby utilizing the supplies of those food, fat, butter and eggs that were forbidden during austere Lent.

In [England](#), Shrove Tuesday originated as early as 1445 when several related festivals were organized, the best one being the Pancake Day Race. It began at Olney in Buckinghamshire. Historians claimed that the race originated when a woman heard the shriving bell thereby summoning her to confession. It was the time when she was busy cooking pancakes. She hurriedly went to the church wearing her apron and holding her frying pan. Thus began a tradition that has lasted for over five hundred years.

Shrove Tuesday is popular in different names. It is known as Mardi Gras, a French term which literally means "fat Tuesday", Carnival in Latin which means "farewell to the flesh" and Fasnacht, the Germanic "night of the fast".

An interesting fact that is related to the origin of Shrove Tuesday can be cited here. The concept behind this practice is found in '1 Corinthians 9:27, where the Apostle Paul states that "I buffet my body and make it my slave..." It is a real irony that later people gratified Shrove Tuesday as a day of merriment and extravagance, when people indulged themselves in enjoyment to their fullest before the starting of Lent.

Join us for our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on February 28 at 6:00 PM We hope to have some fun.



Anniversaries

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES . .Congratulations and Best Wishes to these members of Our Saviour who celebrate Wedding anniversaries during the month of February. May God continue to bless you and increase your love for one another!

- 14—Krystle and Jon Earle
- 15—Lindsay and Jared Guhl
- 17—James and Lori Hahn
- 17—Todd and Jaime Walberger
Happy 10th Anniversary
- 19—Robert and Barbara Sihto
Happy 51st Anniversary
- 28—Ayden and Joan Plowe



6:30 PM
BEGINNING
MARCH 8

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, as baptized followers of Jesus Christ will foster a living, expressive relationship with our Lord and our neighbors.

We will do this in a way that seeks to serve all segments of our congregation and community by:

- ◆ Providing a welcoming environment for youth and young adults.
- ◆ Strengthening the family unit.
- ◆ Involving the elderly and recognizing their special needs.
- ◆ Making Christ visible through worship.

Recommended by the Long Range Planning committee on October 27, 2010

ASH WEDNESDAY

**ASH WEDNESDAY
HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**

Wednesday, March 1,
7:30 PM

JUBLIEE'S VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON-

Join us at noon on February 14th at Rick's Prime Rib House to celebrate Valentine's Day. Rick's is located at 898 Buffalo Road. The sign up sheet is on the Narthex Table.

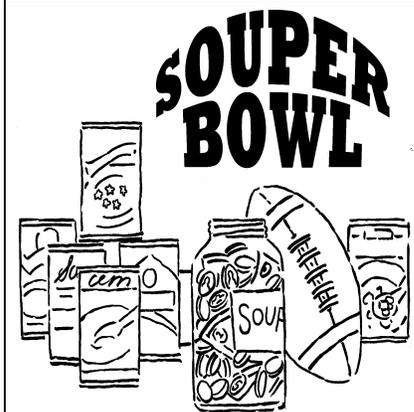
Choose from the following menu:

- Open Face Prime Rib Sandwich with Fries
- Jack Daniel's Beef Sandwich (homemade BBQ sauce) with Fries
- Hamburger with Fries
- Chicken French with Rice

Each of the above items is priced at \$13 including the beverage station and tip.

The beverage station will offer Coffee, Tea and Soda

Please pay Deb Ciccone, Nancy Austin or Mary Pleten by Sunday, February 5th. If paying by check, please make out your check to the church. Look forward to seeing you there!!



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From the Church Council:

Last year, under the leadership of James VanBrederode, Gates Chief of Police, a "Gates Faith Community" group was formed to work collaboratively on projects that will make Gates and our local communities a better place to live. This group consists of the Town of Gates officials, the Gates-Chili and Spencerport School District Superintendents and local church clergies. By working together we can pool our resources and talents to communicate and accomplish positive changes in our schools and neighborhoods. Pastor Joe, Barb King and Ed Jarvis are on this committee which met at our church on January 12th, 16 were in attendance. Our Council initiative is to take a more positive direction to be pro-active in our community. We again offer our church building for the next meeting schedule for April 27th. Watch for announcements on our bulletin board, Sunday bulletins and the local newspapers. There are a number of initiatives in the works so stay tuned.





Worship Services on YouTube

THE CHURCH SERVICES ARE RECORDED AND ARE ON YOUTUBE
GO TO WWW.OURSAVIOURROCHESTER.ORG AND
CLICK ON SERMONS



Copies of **Our Saviour's 2016 Annual Report** are available on the narthex table or from the church office. If you would like a copy mailed just call the church office.
247-7824

ALTAR FLOWERS A thank you; A reminder



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Thank you to all who donate Altar Flowers for our Sunday morning worship services. They beautify our altar each Sunday of the church year as members celebrate significant happenings in life or remember loved ones.

The sign-up sheet for Altar Flowers is located on the narthex bulletin board near the guest book. Members are invited to sign up to place flowers on the altar.

The cost for altar flowers is \$30 per Sunday. Please remember to take an offering envelope and place your contribution in it for altar flowers. These envelopes can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE

**JUBILLEES ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON, WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 15 AT NOON.**

Place: Yiannis on Pixley Road

Corned Beef and Cabbage, Rubens, and also you can order off the menu.
More details to follow.





WOMEN OF THE E.L.C.A.

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We hope everyone has recovered from the busy holiday season and January's very chilly weather. But now we have to get back to our regular meeting schedule.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7th at 12:00 noon. This is a lunch meeting, so bring a sandwich. Beverage and dessert will be provided. Sharon Yackel will serve as hostess and Cheryl Stone will provide devotions for this meeting. We will be discussing the book, "Queen of the Bremen", by Marilies Adams DiFante. It is always nice to hear different opinions and views. Everyone is invited to attend.

Cheryl Stone and Ann Seppa will provide refreshments for fellowship on Sunday, February 12th

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR:

Tuesday, March 14 at 6:30 pm Bible Study with Pastor Wilck

Tuesday, April 11 Dinner out with the ladies – restaurant not yet chosen

The Women of the E.L.C.A. would like to wish everyone a "Happy Valentine's Day".

We continue to increase our membership and hope that this will continue as we move through the year. There is always room for more and we always have yummy refreshments too!

Ann Seppa, Secretary



ACTING BOLDLY in OUR FAITH – FEEDING the HUNGRY

As an outreach ministry of the people of God, our Women's group sponsors MONTHLY food collections. We are asking members of our congregation to bring a non-perishable food item or items and place them in the basket under the WELCA display table in the narthex. Your donations will be taken to St. Theodore's food cupboard or distributed to members of our congregation known to be in need. By acting boldly in our faith through this outreach ministry, we hope to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. A list of the most needed food items follows: jello, dry pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, rice, canned pasta (like spaghetti-os), tuna, salad dressing, cake or brownie mix, jelly/jam, spaghetti sauce, canned or crushed tomatoes, cereal, pie filling, applesauce, soup, macaroni & cheese, pork and beans, juice, peanut butter, baked beans, coffee or tea, Hamburger, Chicken or Tuna Helper, and hot chocolate mix. Non-food items needed include hand soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo, toilet paper and facial tissue. On behalf of our Women's group and all those who will benefit from your donations, we again thank you! Thank you also to Debbie Housel who delivers our donations.



You're a Blessing!

❖ **Ann and Gordon Seppa, Mary Ellen Saur, Alexandra Pond, Jean Lombard, and Daryl Jarvis** for collating, stapling, addressing and mailing the January newsletter.

❖ **Mary Ellen Saur, and Ed Jarvis** for assembling the Annual Report.

❖ **Ed Jarvis and Ayden**

Plowe for filling the oil candles.

❖ **Sharon and Rich Yackel and Mary Ellen Saur** for assembling the Sunday bulletins each week.

❖ **Ann Seppa** for helping in the office with year end tasks.

❖ **Sharon Yackel** for continuing to take orders for the Equal Exchange Coffee products.

❖ **Rich Yackel, Sharon Yackel and Mary Ellen Saur** for Assembling the Christmas Eve bulletins.

❖ **Marjorie Kowalski, Daryl Jarvis, Cheryl Stone** for arranging the poinsettia and installing the candles for the Christmas Eve Services.

❖ **Deb Housel, Linda Loughlin, Kyle and Cassie Wiesmore** for leading the singing portion of the Contemporary Service.

❖ **Linda Loughlin** for proofing the newsletter.

❖ **Deb Ciccone** for proofing the Annual Report and the weekly bulletin announcements.



Thanks to our Christmas Eve Volunteers

Ushers 5:00 PM Margaret and Hans Witt

Ushers 10:30 PM Mary Pleten and Andrew Pond

Acolytes/Deacons 5:00 PM Jakob Witt
And Chloe Evans

Acolytes/ Deacons 10:30PM—Peyton and Chloe Osterling
and Brayden Spencer

Lectors: 5:00 PM Jakob Wiesmore

Lectors: 10:30PM Deb Housel

Communion Assts: Mary Pleten and Ed Jarvis

The commitment and dedication of all members of Our Saviour are important to the congregation's mission and ministry. We want to recognize the tasks done by members. Committee/Board Chairs and others are asked to share these names with Office Manager, Mary Pleten for inclusion in future issues of the **Communicator**

MARTIN LUTHER SERIES
MONDAYS AT 7:00 PM
TUESDAYS AT 10 AM

EVANGELISM MEETING
SUNDAY, February 12, AT 10:30 AM

JUBLIEES VALENTINE LUNCHEON
Thursday, February 14
At noon
See article on page 4 for more details

CHURCH COUNCIL
MONDAY, February 13 at 6:30 PM



WOMEN OF THE E.L.C.A.
Women of the E.L.C.A. meet Tuesday,
February 7 at Noon
The meeting is open to all

PANCAKE SUPPER
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 AT 6:00 PM

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, March 1 AT 7:30 PM

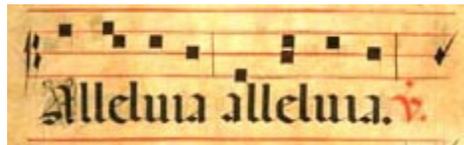
EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE

Orders will be taken on **Sunday, February 12** for Lutheran World Relief products offered through Equal Exchange. There are whole bean and ground coffees, percolator coffees, single serve cups, organic coffees, decaffeinated coffees and flavored coffees. There are 14 types of black, green or herbal teas. There are 3.5 oz. chocolate bars, mini chocolates, candy bars, chocolate chips and cocoas. There are natural and roasted almonds and cashews, dried fruits (mango, pineapple and raisins) and three types of fruit and nut bars, as well as honey, marmalade and strawberry jam, trail mix, rice cakes and extra virgin olive oil.

Stop by the table in the narthex between services to check out the catalog and place your order. We do need to order in case lots, but individuals can join together to order a case. The number of items per case is noted in the catalog. Purchases are typically available on the following Sunday between services. You pay for your purchase upon receipt.



BURY THE ALLELUIA—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

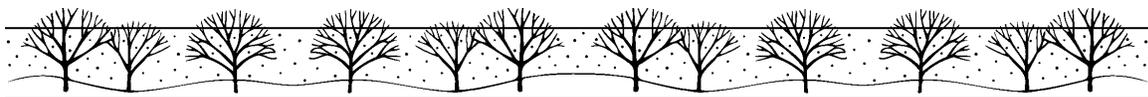


Why do we bury the alleluia?

The omission of alleluia during Lent goes back at least to the fifth century in the western church. The association of alleluia with Easter led to the custom of intentionally omitting it from the liturgy during the season of Lent, a kind of verbal fast which has the effect of creating a sense of anticipation and even greater joy when the familiar word of praise returns. We do not use it at church. We do not use it at home. We let it rest, as it were, during Lent, so that when it reappears on Easter, we may hear it anew. In fact, once it returns on Easter, we give it no rest at all, repeating it again and again, in celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. The custom of actually bidding it farewell developed in the Middle Ages in Babylon. Many churches embrace the practice of physically "burying" the alleluia. This ritual practice is especially delightful and meaningful for children.

When do we bury the alleluia?

Alleluia is appropriately bid farewell on the Sunday preceding Ash Wednesday (the Transfiguration of Our Lord, also called the last Sunday after the Epiphany). This is the last Sunday when alleluia will be used until Easter Sunday. The youth group will be burying the alleluia on Sunday, February 26.





CANS & BOTTLES: Tired of bringing your bottles & cans with a 5 cent deposit to the grocery store? Bring them to FLOWER CITY Bottle & Can Return across the street from church. They are open Sundays from 9AM - 4PM, so bring your cans to church and drop them off after. **DID YOU KNOW? You can designate Lutheran Church of Our Saviour Youth Group** to receive credit for your returns. Just drop off the cans & bottles and they will credit Our Saviour's Account.

CARING AND SHARING

We all have loving hearts but busy lives. To make life easier for you to show others you care, we are providing a CARD BOX.

Help yourself to cards and envelopes. Our LCOS Directory is there to help you find addresses. You can write your notes and address the envelopes now while you are thinking of it. Just add a stamp and drop it in the mail.

The card box is located on the small round table next to the elevator. Seats are provided.

Do you receive free cards in the mail? Bring them in and add to the box.



BINGO PRIZES FOR CREEKVIEW NURSING HOME

The Women of the ELCA here at Our Saviour continue to collect items to be used as bingo prizes at Westgate Nursing Home. Members of the congregation are invited (and encouraged) to participate in this activity. A plastic box for donations is located on the large table in the narthex. The suggestions that follow were provided by the Recreation Leader at Creek View Nursing Home.

Women

- Stuffed animals
- Jewelry*
- Cologne
- Lotion (small bottles)
- Non-slip stocking slippers
- Large print word search

Men

- Stuffed animals
- After-shave lotion or cologne
- Shaving cream
- Playing cards, large print
- Non-slip stocking slippers

* clip-on earrings only, necklaces must be long enough to fit over the head, and bracelets large enough to fit over the hand. Jewelry with clasps is difficult to handle.

Thank you for your support of this activity and to Donna Evenson who delivers our donations.

**True Story - submitted by Pastor Rob Reid
who says God does work in mysterious ways.**

The brand new pastor and his wife, newly assigned to their first ministry, to reopen a church in suburban Brooklyn, arrived in early October excited about their opportunities. When they saw their church, it was very run down and needed much work. They set a goal to have everything done in time to have their first service on Christmas Eve.

They worked hard, repairing pews, plastering walls, painting, etc, and on December 18 were ahead of schedule and just about finished.

On December 19 a terrible tempest - a driving rainstorm hit the area and lasted for two days.

On the 21st, the pastor went over to the church. His heart sank when he saw that the roof had leaked, causing a large area of plaster about 20 feet by 8 feet to fall off the front wall of the sanctuary just behind the pulpit, beginning about head high.

The pastor cleaned up the mess on the floor, and not knowing what else to do but postpone the Christmas Eve service, headed home. On the way he noticed that a local business was having a flea market type sale for charity, so he stopped in. One of the items was a beautiful, handmade, ivory colored, crocheted tablecloth with exquisite work, fine colors and a Cross embroidered right in the center. It was just the right size to cover the hole in the front wall. He bought it and headed back to the church.

By this time it had started to snow. An older woman running from the opposite direction was trying to catch the bus. She missed it. The pastor invited her to wait in the warm church for the next bus 45 minutes later.

She sat in a pew and paid no attention to the pastor while he got a ladder, hangers, etc., to put up the tablecloth as a wall tapestry. The pastor could hardly believe how beautiful it looked and it covered up the entire problem area.

Then he noticed the woman walking down the center aisle. Her face was like a sheet. "Pastor," she asked, "where did you get that tablecloth?" The pastor explained. The woman asked him to check the lower right corner to see if the initials, EBG were crocheted into it there. They were. These were the initials of the woman, and she had made this tablecloth 35 years before, in Austria .

The woman could hardly believe it as the pastor told how he had just gotten "The Tablecloth". The woman explained that before the war she and her husband were well-to-do people in Austria .

When the Nazis came, she was forced to leave. Her husband was going to follow her the next week. He was captured, sent to prison and never saw her husband or her home again.

The pastor wanted to give her the tablecloth; but she made the pastor keep it for the church. The pastor insisted on driving her home. That was the least he could do. She lived on the other side of Staten Island and was only in Brooklyn for the day for a housecleaning job.

What a wonderful service they had on Christmas Eve. The church was almost full. The music and the spirit were great. At the end of the service, the pastor and his wife greeted everyone at the door and many said that they would return.

One older man, whom the pastor recognized from the neighborhood continued to sit in one of the pews and stare, and the pastor wondered why he wasn't leaving.

The man asked him where he got the tablecloth on the front wall because it was identical to one that his wife had made years ago when they lived in Austria before the war and how could there be two tablecloths so much alike?

He told the pastor how the Nazis came, how he forced his wife to flee for her safety and he was supposed to follow her, but he was arrested and put in a prison. He never saw his wife or his home again all the 35 years between.

The pastor asked him if he would allow him to take him for a little ride. They drove to Staten Island and to the same house where the pastor had taken the woman three days earlier.

He helped the man climb the three flights of stairs to the woman's apartment, knocked on the door and he saw the greatest Christmas reunion he could ever imagine.



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Church Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
8:00 AM-1:00PM

Pastor Wilck is normally in his church study Monday thru Thursday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. He is available to meet you at church or at other mutually arranged times. You may also contact him or leave a message on 269-9086. On Friday Pastor's day off, he is available for pastoral emergencies. When calling the church after hours, and wishing to leave a message for Pastor Wilck, when prompted dial Extension 311 for his personal voice mail.

Please inform Pastor Wilck whenever there is an illness or hospitalization in your family. He appreciates your help. When you are admitted to a hospital, please list your religious preference as "Lutheran Church of Our Saviour" and contact Pastor or the church office.

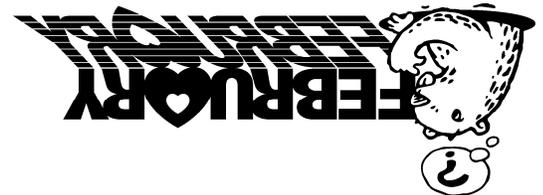


ASH WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, March 1
7:30 PM

Ash Wednesday is March 1. A Service of Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes on this first day of Lent is planned at 7:30 PM.

Ash Wednesday is the first of the forty days of Lent. With it the Church begins the Lenten observance which reflects on Christ's death for us, our faith and trust in God and sharing acts of love and kindness with others. The Ash Wednesday Service encourages us to contemplate our faith and life in light of Jesus' giving himself for our salvation.

You are invited to join in this special service. Plan to attend the Ash Wednesday Service and the other Lenten Services.



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