

The Communicator

February 2016



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

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**LIVING LENT** is the mid-week series beginning Ash Wednesday February 10. Each service in this series focuses on a word to consider while living Lent as Easter people. Highlighted are the ways in which the passion narratives of Christ take on more significant meaning for us when we see them through the lens of the empty tomb. Each service helps us see that we are always alive in Christ, who died and was raised.

**Ash Wednesday** – Ponder – Luke 5:27-32 – Lent is a time to ponder our relationship with God and with one another, to discover the love of God seen in the cross and empty tomb.

**Week 1** – Purpose – Luke 19:1-10 – This season is a time to find God’s purpose for our lives, fulfilled in our redemption by Jesus, who seeks and saves the lost and gives us new life.

**Week 2** – People – John 10:14-18 – We are called to be among people in this world. People matter to God; he sent Jesus to save them. People should matter to us, we are sent to love them.

**Week 3** – Proclaim – 1 Peter 2:9-10 – To proclaim the story of Christ is to paint a picture of the God who seeks and embraces us. Our proclamation of the Savior brings faith to life.

**Week 4** – Praise - Psalm 34:1-10 – Even in the midst of sorrow, we are called to celebrate the love of God and the joy that can be found only in Christ crucified, who reigns in glory now.

**Week 5** – Pain – Luke 15:11-32 & 23:26-49 – The pain of rejection and the pain of a father when a son leaves are juxtaposed against the reckless love of God revealed in Jesus, who wipes every tear from our eyes.

Pastor Wilck



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## February Birthdays

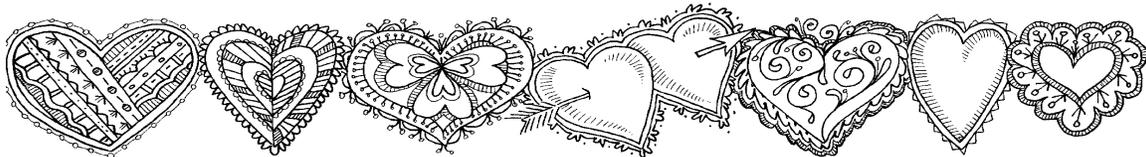
**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS . . .**  
 HAPPY BIRTHDAY and BEST WISHES to all these members of Our Saviour who celebrate birthdays during the month of February. We pray for your continued growth in God's grace.

- 1-Joan Plowe
- 1-Chloe Evans
- 7-Kevin Yackel
- 7-Daniel Stich
- 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-Karen Osterling
- 14-Alexandria Guiles
- 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
- 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.



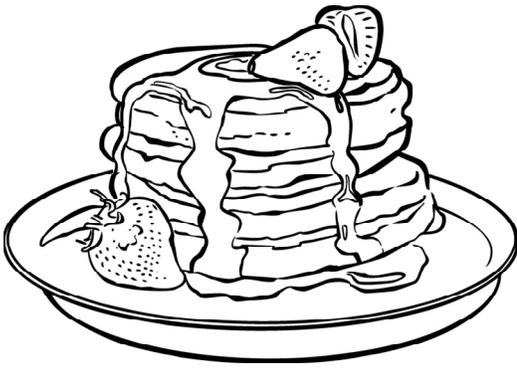
*THE CHURCH STAFF WOULD LIKE TO ONCE AGAIN THANK THE CONGREGATION FOR THE GENEROUS CHRISTMAS BONUS. GOD BLESS YOU!*



Correction from January Newsletter!  
 The Women of the ELCA purchased 3 \$50. gift cards for Thanksgiving baskets and the Elders Fund purchased 5 \$50. gift card for our families in need at Christmas!

**THE CONCORDIA CHOIR—**  
 Thursday, February 25, 7:30 PM  
 at Asbury First United Methodist Church, 1050 East Ave. Tickets are available at  
 ConcordiaTickets.com or at the door.

# Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 9 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 9 at 6:00 PM We hope to have some fun and entertainment as well.



## 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!

7—Robert and Ann Riemer

*Happy 40th Anniversary*

14—Krystle and Jon Earle

15—Lindsay and Jared Guhl

17—James and Lori Hahn

17—Todd and Jaime Walberger

19—Robert and Barbara Sihto

*Happy 50th Anniversary*

28—Ayden and Joan Plowe



6:30 PM  
BEGINNING  
FEB 17

## 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*

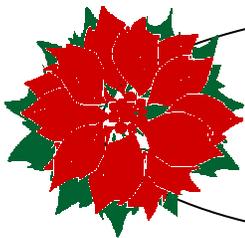
ASH WEDNESDAY

**ASH WEDNESDAY  
HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**

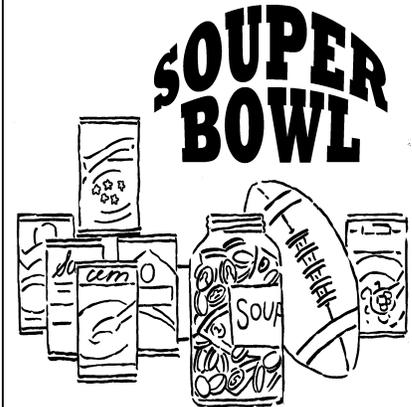
Wednesday, February 10,  
7:30 PM



**JUBILEES—Valentine's luncheon** noon  
Thursday, February 11th at Rick's Prime Rib  
on Buffalo Road. The sign up sheet is on the  
narthex table. There are 4 menu choices for  
the luncheon. Please note your menu choice  
on the sign up sheet. Rick's will be providing  
individual bills to you on the day of the  
luncheon but this process will make it easier  
for them to plan ahead. Hope to see you  
there!!!



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



LYO SOUPER BOWL is Sunday,  
February 7. The youth of Our  
Saviour are asking everyone to  
bring in a can of soup and a dol-  
lar. All of this goes to help those  
in need. To help celebrate Super  
Bowl Sunday, we are asking the  
congregation to wear their favor-  
ite sports jerseys to Church.  
Thank you.



Thank you to all the members of the Church who have provided snacks, foods and fruit for the congregation between Church services. The youth are sponsoring the third Sunday of every month and donations made are being used for youth activities. Several organizations of the Church have sponsored a Sunday; Women of the ELCA, the Elders, the Stone family and the Evangelism committee. Many of these groups have donated the proceeds to the youth group. To help continue this activity and to provide the opportunity for all in the Church to participate a sign up calendar has been placed on the large table in the narthex. Please consider sponsoring this activity.



## Worship Services on YouTube

THE CHURCH SERVICES ARE RECORDED AND ARE ON YOUTUBE  
GO TO [WWW.OURSAVIOURROCHESTER.ORG](http://WWW.OURSAVIOURROCHESTER.ORG) AND  
CLICK ON SERMONS



Copies of **Our Saviour's 2015 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



### ALTAR FLOWERS

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.

## TRUSTEE NEWS

One of our main boilers shut down and one circulator pump quit circulating. That would have led to a very chilly Sunday morning service but the problem was discovered in time to make the necessary repairs. Trustees handled the repairs saving a service call.

Jim Flick



## Unearth Your Talents



# 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 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. This is a lunch meeting, so bring a sandwich. Beverage and dessert will be provided. At this meeting, we will be discussing the book, "Sensible Shoes", by Sharon Garlough

Brown. It is always nice to hear different opinions and views. Everyone is invited to attend.

## SOME UPCOMING EVENTS TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR:

Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm

Bible Study with Pastor Wilck

Dinner out with the ladies – restaurant not yet chosen

Spring Assembly/Communion

Brunch – Details to follow

Regular Meeting (guest speaker) Details to follow

Annual end of the year potluck dinner

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!*

❖ **Linda Loughlin, Ann and Gordon Seppa, Mary Ellen Saur, Alexandra Pond, Carol Werth, Donna Miller and Cheryl Stone** for collating, stapling, addressing and mailing the January newsletter.

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

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Ed Jarvis, Rich Yackel, Sharon Yackel and Mary Ellen Saur** for Assembling the Christmas Eve bulletins.
- ❖ **Marjorie Kowalski, Daryl Jarvis, Marileies Renke, Cheryl Stone** for arranging the poinsettia and installing the candles for the Christmas Eve Services.
- ❖ **Linda Loughlin, Kyle and Cassie Wiesmore** for leading the singing portion of the Contemporary Service.
- ❖ **Deb Housel** continuing to place ads in the Gates Post for events happening at the church.
- ❖ **Linda Loughlin** for proofing the Annual Report and the newsletter.



**Thanks to our Christmas Eve Volunteers**

Ushers 5:00 PM Margaret and Hans Witt  
and Larry Hopkins

Ushers 10:30 PM Ed and Daryl Jarvis

Acolytes/Deacons 5:00 PM Johannes and Jakob Witt  
Keely Lyons and Connor Large

Acolytes/ Deacons 10:30PM—Ben Morningstar  
and Sarah Denz

Lectors: 5:00 PM Patty Stich

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 14, AT 10:30 AM

**JUBLIEES VALENTINE LUNCHEON**  
Thursday, February 11  
At noon  
See article on page 4 for more details

**CHURCH COUNCIL**  
MONDAY, February 8 at 6:30 PM

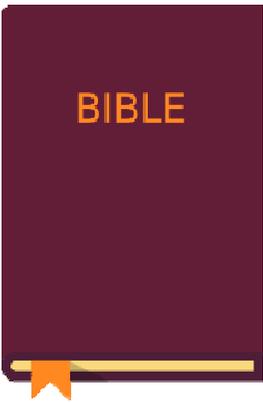


**WOMEN OF THE E.L.C.A.**  
Women of the E.L.C.A. meet Tuesday,  
February 9 at Noon  
The meeting is open to all

**PANCAKE SUPPER**  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 AT 6:00 PM

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 AT 7:30 PM

**MIDWEEK LANTERN SERVICE**  
BEGINS WEDNESDAY,, Feb 17 at 7:15 AM  
Soup and Sandwich 6:30 PM



A churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone to church every Sunday for 30 years now and in that time I have heard something like 3000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time and the preachers are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all" he wrote.

This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column.

Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me strength to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something!

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible!

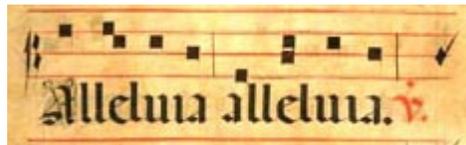
Thank God for our physical and spiritual nourishment.

IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL!

B.I.B.L.E. SIMPLY MEANS: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth

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### BURY THE ALLELUIA—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7



### YOUTH LEAD SERVICE—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 9:30 AM

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 this Sunday. February 7.

On February 14 the youth will present a special youth service during the 9:30 service in which they will present the play *the Case of the Conspicuous Cross* by Keith Ellerbrock. They will also share in various parts of the service. We are recording the dress rehearsal so the play can be shared at the 8:00 and 11:15 service.

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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.

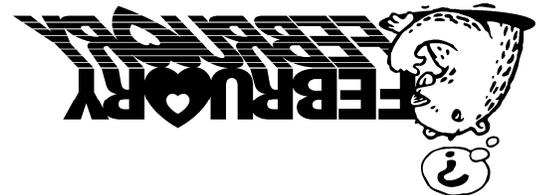


**ASH WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**  
**WEDNESDAY, February 10**  
**7:30 PM**

Ash Wednesday is February 10. 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.



**DATED MATERIAL**  
**REQUESTED**  
**CHANGE SERVICE**

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