

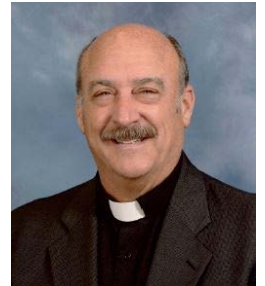


The Shepherd's Voice

February 2024

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PASTOR'S PAGE



This month we begin the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and it just so happens that this year Ash Wednesday is February 14. Just in case you happen to recognize the date, it is also St. Valentine's Day. I find it interesting that Ash Wednesday and St. Valentine's Day fall on the same day of the year. I do not recall the last time this happened!

Most people would say, *"Oh, that's odd – Ash Wednesday and St. Valentine's Day on the same day."* Ash Wednesday is normally associated with solemnity and abstinence, while St. Valentine's Day is associated with happiness and celebration. Instead, ponder this. I propose to you that the two celebrations can, and do, go together.

I am not going to go into how St. Valentine's Day came into being other than to remember that St. Valentine's Day is set aside to remember those we love, and honoring that love with cards, dinners, gifts, etc. Ash Wednesday is not about abstinence, it is not about abstaining from eating different food items, or abstaining from anything else for that matter, it is about remembering how much the God we know in and through Jesus Loves us. And, it remembers the extreme measures that our God has taken to show us that Love. While it may be a solemn remembrance, it is remembering that God's Love for us is stated in extreme measures. That Jesus was humiliated and died a slow, excruciating death is about as extreme as it gets to show Love. It brings us back into a relationship with our God that we, ourselves, were not able to do. So, God does it for us by making a HUGE sacrifice. And, it does not cost us a thing and we did nothing to earn that Love! Is that Love or what? In a way you could say that the Cross was God's St. Valentine's Day Card to us.

So, this year in Lent, we will celebrate that Love each week. Each week we remember that because we are the baptized people of God we are “*Guided to the Cross for ...*” inserting the words: Forgiveness, Hope, Love, Peace, Trust, and Perseverance. I know “someone” (I bet you can guess who) each week who will be reminding us all using one of the above topics.

Join us for Ash Wednesday worship on Wednesday, February 14 at 6:30 PM and then on the following Wednesday evenings for dinner at 5:30 PM and worship at 6:30 PM to hear more about it. I hope to see you then.

Pastor Dennis



February 14th @ 6:30 PM

NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENT

Lent

Midweek Worship Services

GUIDED *to the* CROSS



Wednesday, February 14 is Ash Wednesday. Yes, I know, it is also St. Valentine's Day. While we will be remembering it is St. Valentine's Day, we will begin the season of Lent and celebrate Ash Wednesday.

Our theme for Lent this year will be "*Guided to the Cross*" the services in this series reveal how Jesus and his cross serve as examples for us of how to live our lives for and through our crucified Lord and Savior. Lent is a season when we are guided to the cross. Throughout this holy time, we are drawn to Calvary to live in forgiveness, hope, love, peace, trust and perseverance. Each Wednesday in Lent we will meet for dinner at 5:30 pm and begin worship at 6:30 pm.

Deacon's Corner

BLESSED NEW YEAR TO MY CHURCH FAMILY

The New Year

*Dear Lord, as this new year is born
I give it to Thy hand,
Content to walk by faith what paths
I cannot understand.
Whatever coming days may bring
Of bitter loss, or gain,
Or every crown of happiness;
Should sorrow come, or pain,
Or, Lord, if all unknown to me
Thine angel hovers near
To bear me to that farther shore
Before another year,
It matters not — my hand in Thine,
Thy light upon my face,
Thy boundless strength when I am weak,
Thy love and saving grace!
I only ask, loose not my hand,
Grip fast my soul, and be
My guiding light upon the path
Till, blind no more, I see!*

--Martha Snell Nicholson

Wishing all of you a happy healthy prayerful New Year.
Blessings,

Deacon Robert



Church Council News



The Council took the following actions:

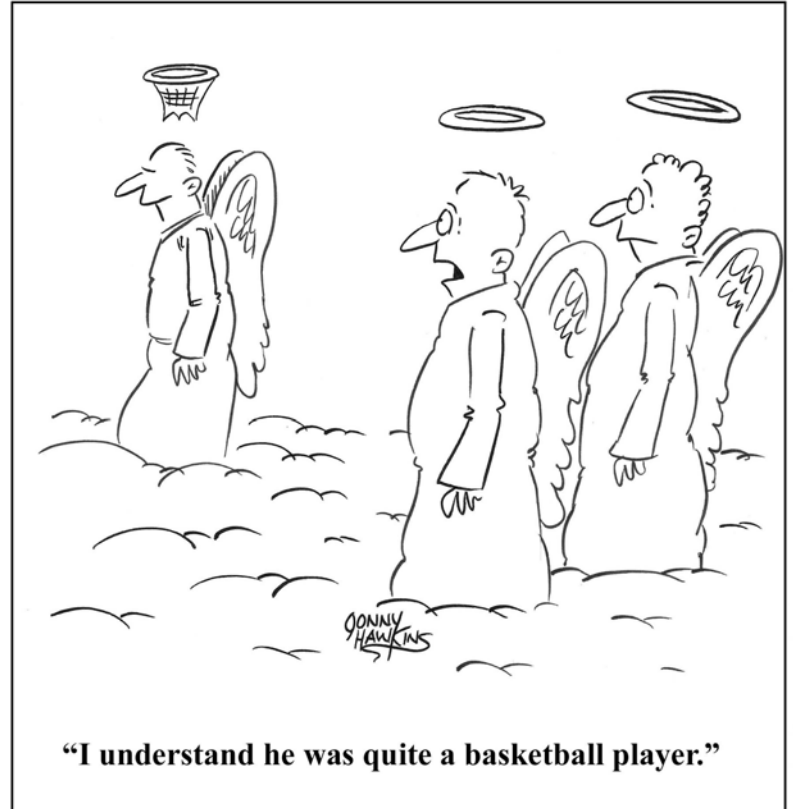
- We appointed Shelly Fortin as Secretary due to the unfortunate resignation of Ann Neville and appointed Bill Mehnert to fill the Council vacancy.
- Approved a building use request for the Spanish Language Church to use Fellowship Hall on Feb. 24 from 6-10 p.m.
- Approved a building use request for the Fairview POA to use Fellowship Hall on Feb. 22.
- Appointed Cheryl Cox as Financial Secretary and Kathleen Swartz as Treasurer.
- Approved the purchase of Quick Books for use in the office.

Executive Council Meeting

February 1st @ 9:30 AM

Council Meeting

February 8th @ 3:00 PM





President's
REPORT

Council President's Message

*Note: On January 28th after worship service, the semi-annual congregational meeting took place. The new officers were installed and their terms are effective January 1st and ends December 31st. The congregation also voted to remain on **one** worship service at 10:00 AM. The budget was explained and accepted. Volunteers are still needed in many areas, please contact Committee Chairs or council members.*

To the Congregation,

I am happy to report that there is now an online giving option on our website. You can also use the QR code on the website or in the newsletter to download the same giving app onto your phone.

On January 20th, the Council members and Committee Chairs met for breakfast and to have a general discussion. We are going to be reviewing our bylaws and make changes where needed. One idea that did come out of that meeting was to create a postcard type mailer to new residents moving into our county. If you would like to help with the creation of this postcard, please contact Tom Stickler who is heading up this project.

Grace and Peace,

Joe Adams, Council President

grace & peace
BE MULTIPLIED UNTO YOU THROUGH
THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD, AND
OF JESUS OUR LORD...
2 PETER 1:2





*Stewardship is living
out our commitment
to Christ.*

Applying Bible Principles

As we saw recently, God owns it all. According to Psalm 24:1, the earth and everything in it belongs to God. That includes us and all that we like to think of as “ours.”

Most Christians who have studied the Scriptures to any degree realize God’s claims on their financial resources. Most Christians at one time or another have come face to face with the truth that God enables people to earn money (Deut. 8:18). Most realize that according to the psalmist, God owns all the silver and all the gold in all the mines, the cattle on a thousand hills, and all the beasts of the forests.

But time? Well, that’s another story for a lot of God’s people. Their time is just that: “Theirs.”

William Zambrano, a medical eye doctor, wrote,

If your child began talking to you about his house, his car, his pool, or his refrigerator, you might just be motivated to have a short talk with him. You might point out that he has never made a house or car payment or purchased any of the food in the refrigerator.

Yet we, as God’s children, make the same mistake. We refer to spending or wasting “our” time or “our” efforts. But is it really “ours” in the first place? Reach up for a moment and place your hand over your heart. Can you feel your heart beating? Do you realize that even though you weren’t aware of it, your heart beat almost five thousand times in the past hour? Do you have any control over that heartbeat? How, then, can we proudly refer to “our” time when only God has absolute control over it?

All that we have — including our time — belongs to God. So do our talents. In the books of Isaiah and Jeremiah, we find the comparison of God to a master potter and people to clay. Just as a master potter shapes the clay and molds it, God shapes us and molds us.

He does this through natural events; through the teaching and preaching of the Scriptures; through the influence of godly parents, pastors and teachers; and through both financial adversity and financial abundance.

Just as the clay does not tell the potter what to do or how to shape it, so we do not tell God, the “master potter,” what to do with us and how to shape us. Just as a potter has the right to shape and mold the clay as he sees fit, God has the right to do the same with us. As we yield to God’s sovereignty and wisdom, we will come forth exactly as God desires.

Zambrano describes this process:

. . . make no mistake, each of us has a carefully crafted collection of special talents. These talents were given to us by God for this specific time. Your talents would not have served God as well had you been born two hundred or two thousand years ago. No, you were born in this era because this is the time when your unique mixture of talents will be of greatest good for God's eternal kingdom. And nobody can provide exactly what you provide.

The key question is this: Will you use the "unique mixture of talents" God has given you to make a difference for Christ, especially here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church? Will you take your rightful role as the clay on God's workbench and allow God to fulfill the role of "master potter" in your life? Or will you continue to view your time and talents as things that belong to you?

Shelly Fortin, Stewardship

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Is Jesus calling you to serve? Bear Fruit for Jesus!

"When God burdens your heart to use your time and talents and you confirm God's leading according to the Scriptures, you can obey, being confident God will provide a blessing, even when circumstances appear contrary." (Jerry Bridges, The Navigators)

A complete listing of all the volunteer positions available here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is on our website, and printed copies are available in the Narthex.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one or more of these positions.

***All that we have, including our time
and talents, belongs to God.***

***"Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay,
and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand."***

Isaiah 64:8

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WELCA NEWS

As a community of women created in the image of God called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world.


On Wednesday, February 14, Anne Storan will lead the circle Bible study in discussing God’s plan regarding our spiritual gifts. Materials will be provided, as will refreshments following the sessions. Please join us!

Sally Hennessey, Unit Leader

Bible Quiz

The “Christ hymn” in Philippians 2 proclaims that after Jesus humbled himself even to the point of death, God exalted him, and that eventually all will worship him. What two body parts are named as part of that worship?

- A. knee; tongue
- B. hands; feet
- C. arms; lips
- D. heart; mouth



Answer: A (See Philippians 2:10-11.)

Adopt a Highway Program



Our next Adopt-a-Highway road clean-up will be Saturday, March 2nd. We meet at the church at 8:00 AM. Safety vests, gloves, trash bags, and pickers are provided. For any questions, contact Linda Koch at LCK1164@gmail.com or 386-589-4727.



Memorials and Special Gifts

To the SOS Food Pantry by Karen Benefiel

To the Music Fund by Larry & Colleen Saur in memory of **Roger Johnson**

To the Memorial Fund by Gail Burnett in memory of **Clyde Burnett**

Thrivent Choice

The following Thrivent for Lutheran Members have directed January's Choice Dollars to be given to Good Shepherd.

Dennis Koch
Linda Koch

Social Ministry



MEDICAL SUPPLY DRIVE for DOCTOR'S FREE CLINIC. The items we collected last year were very much appreciated by the Clinic. So, in February 2024, we will again hold at Good Shepherd a drive consisting of supplies (not equipment) that you may have in your home that are unused leftovers from home medical care, a hospital stay or purchased for a love one's needs. **NO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.** Please bring items in the month of February and place in bins in rear of Fellowship Hall.

Examples of items needed: briefs/depends, underpads, gauze and tape, lotions and cream, shampoos, basins, catheters, diabetic supplies, suture removal kits, wipes, urine catches, nutrition supplements like Ensure or Boost

Questions, please contact Vera Swade at 352-476-9072 email vswade5016@aol.com



Volunteers are still NEEDED for bread pick-up and delivery. Please sign up in the Narthex or contact Gerri Fallanca at 352-637-2663.

Serving Our Savior

SOS Food Pantry
PO Box 640774
Beverly Hills, FL 34464
email sos4food@gmail.com



YOU DID IT AGAIN!!

Just saying thank you does not seem adequate. Once again, the wonderful people of Good Shepherd came through for us in a big way. So many of you participated in our Advent calendar program and for that we are very grateful. The numbers have been tallied for 2023 and we served over 6700 families totaling over 18,000 people and distributed just shy of 433,000 pounds of food! Our volunteers are dedicated, hard-working people that show up week after week to help make SOS Food Pantry the pride of Citrus County. Your monetary donations were also a big help.

We are currently searching for organizations and businesses in the community to help fund us in 2024. As you know, prices are up for everything we buy these days – not just food. If you should have any suggestions, we welcome your input. You can contact the pantry by email or our post office box.

Hoping one and all had a happy holiday season and wish you all the best in 2024.

Sincerely,

Maria Cyr, President
SOS Food Pantry

FEBRUARY 2024

Craft 'n Share



We will next meet WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Bring your lunch; beverage and dessert will be provided.

Last month we made felt Valentine Hearts for our shut-ins. We will cut a few more and sew on lace and add ribbon hangers this month.

We will continue to make Teddy bears for Citrus County baby shower. We have a wash cloth version to assemble - no sewing needed; and a fabric version to cut out to be sewn and stuffed.

Big thanks to Eloise Mongardi for quickly knitting Pocket Prayer Cloths. We mailed off several to members in hospital or rehab.

Also we need to assemble pillowcase dress kits. We have precut bias and elastic for these. So, there is something for all to work on.

Thanks also to Pat Howard for making several prayer shawls. There are directions for knitting or crocheting prayer shawls and lap robes as well as patterns for newborn caps. If you know of someone who could use a shawl or lap robe, please call Maggie.

Look forward to seeing you on the fourth WEDNESDAY February 28th, The FOURTH Wednesday is our regular day of the month to meet.

JOIN US from 10 AM to 2 PM or as your time allows.

Questions? Call Maggie Bregger 352-860-2215

Fellowship

Our Fellowship Committee meeting will be held on Monday, February 12th at 1:30 PM in one of the classrooms. We are asking our committee members to attend if their schedule allows. The agenda for this meeting is to finalize added items to our menu for the first of our five Lenten Potluck Suppers beginning on Feb. 21st at 5:30. Betty Sanger has already printed sign-up sheets for volunteers to bring food items, set-up and clean-up, and names of our church members who would like to participate. Please find the clip board sign-up sheets on the table in the Narthex. Please come and share this meal with us. All are welcome.

Elaine Giammasi



Worship and Music

Feb 6th @ 1:00 PM - Monthly meeting

**Wednesdays 6:30 PM or after worship-
Choir**

Tuesdays 6:30 PM - Bells



Health Ministry



Health Ministry

Your Faith Community Nurse is Kathy Metz, she can be reached @ 352-746-1911 and the Health Team members are: Barb Lauer, Donna Pease, and John Colson. On the last Sunday of every month, we will provide blood pressure screenings after worship.

See you February 25th.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Our Cub Scout Pack #975 will host the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 13th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. An free-will offering will be accepted.



In the Mail Bag

Hello everyone!

We belong to a very generous congregation and I want to say thank you for the gifts Pat and I received at Christmas time. There are some gifts that we received that had no name on them so we assume they came from Santa. So, to the unknown Santas in our congregation, "Thank You!!"

In His service,

Pat and Deacon Rick

My Dear Good Shepherd Family,

Thank you so much for your Christmas gifts. It was so nice of you to think of me. Thank you for making my holidays even more special with your thoughtful gifts, cards, cash, checks, gift cards, homemade bread, cakes, candies, etc. I continue to be overwhelmed by your kind expressions of love and your unmatched generosity. Thank you, thank you, thank you! I could say it a thousand times and still feel that it is not enough.

God bless you all and wishing you a great new year!

In Christ's love,
Shirley McField



Wednesdays beginning February 21st

Lenten Supper @ 5:30 PM

Followed by Worship

Ends March 20th



QUILTING GROUP

Quilters worked on Lutheran world relief quilts that were displayed and blessed in church in January 28th. (Hope to have 40)

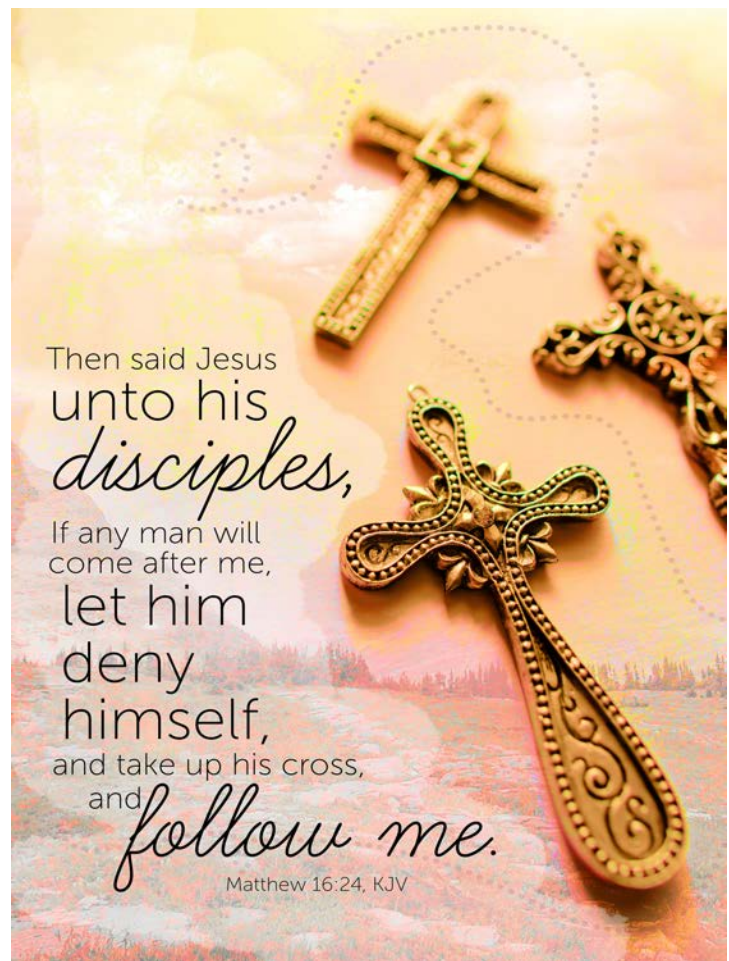
February 8th. Quilts were boxed and brought to the Orlando drop point. We meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Everyone is welcome.

We are looking for clean sheets for backs for our charity quilts.

No experience needed.

Being a Quilter will open your heart to the love of our Lord and Savior.

Anita, Judy, Maggie, Norma, Colleen, and Cindy
The Quilters



Special Dates

- 1-29 - Black History Month
- 2 - Groundhog Day
- 4- Scout Sunday
- 11 - Transfiguration Sunday
- 13 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- 14 - Ash Wednesday
Valentine's Day
- 19 - President's Day



Scout Sunday



He was transfigured before them ...
and his clothes became dazzling white ...
Mark 9:2-3, NRSV



PRESIDENTS DAY



Every Tuesday @ 7:30 AM
Breakfast at Mama's Kuntry Kafe



Wednesdays @ 9 AM
A Time for Prayer

First Thursday @ Noon
Lunch @ Angelotti's

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:30 A- SOS  9:30 A Executive Council	2 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	3
4 10 A Worship Sunday School Scout Sunday	5 1:30P Social Ministry Meeting	6 11 A - WELCA Board Meeting 1P - Worship & Music Meeting 6:00P - Scouts 6:30P - Bells	7 7:30A - SOS 10:00A- Quilters 11:00A - Bible Study 1:00P - Newcomer's Club 6:30P - Choir	8 7:30 A- SOS  3:00 P Council Meeting	9 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	10
11 10 A Worship Sunday School Transfiguration Sunday	12 1:30P Fellowship Meeting	13 5P - 6:30P Pancake Dinner 6:30P - Bells	14 7:30A-SOS 11:00A - Bible Study 1:00 P - WELCA Circle Bible Study 6:30P -Worship	15 7:30 A - SOS 	16 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	17 
18 10 A Worship Sunday School	19	20 6:00P - Scouts 6:30P - Bells	21 7:30A-SOS 10:00A- Quilters 11:00A - Bible Study 5:30P- Dinner 6:30P - Worship	22 7:30A - SOS 	23 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	24
25 10 A Worship Sunday School 	26	27 6:30P - Bells	28 7:30A-SOS 10:00A - Craft n Share 11:00A - Bible Study 5:30P- Dinner 6:30P - Worship	29 7:30A - SOS 		17

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Dan & Linda Cashman	02/10/68
John & Melissa Gifford	02/11/06
Randy & Carole Wagner	02/14/78
David & Elish Lewis	02/14/70

Frank & Elfrieda Romanelli	02/16/63
Jerry & Susan Dawson	02/19/77
Mel & Donna Pease	02/28/76



3 - Kevin Towne	13 - Pat Yoho	23 - Rick Mainster
4 - Lois Knight	19 - Dorothea Attalah Haines	24 - Jane Isenstead Susan Fowler
5 - Barbara Lackner	20 - Dan Cashman Shirley McField	28 - Norma Engle
7 - June Dreger-Parsons		29 - No Birthday until 2028



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MARCH 7TH, 2024

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

10:00AM - 2:00PM

- Equipment on display
- Take a tour of our facility
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Let us remember:

Bendtsen, Elin	Fowler, Bob	Koch, Dennis,Linda,& Michael	Neville, Ann
Benefiel, Larry & Karen	Giamassi, Elaine	Lauer, Barbara	Page-Wood, Jeremy
Brit-Busler, Elizabeth	Goetter, Lisbeth	Lawrence, Ivalee	Pawelko, Diane
Cashman, Dan	Hartsfield, Sylvia	Lepore, Linda	Peterson, Gloria
Clark, Dawn	Hassinger, Doug & Donna	Masters, Leith	Wagner, Carole
Costa, Denise	Hennessy, Sally	Meltesen Family	Whitcomb, Ray
Dreger-Parsons, June	Jimenez, Jeanette	Miles, Ilse	Wildman, Joe
Drennen, Rose & Family	Johnson, Carol Lee	Mongardi, Eloise	

Those who are shut in or residing in assisted living homes:

Charon, Carol	Frost, Joann	Moll, Bob	Lowe, Faye	Philipp, Dick
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All who serve our country in the military:

Burba, Jake	Jackson, Brad	Radosevitch, Eric
Ceballos, Jason	Johnston-Garcia, Christian	Springer, Dennis
Corsino, Mykael	Luchay, Alan	Stroble, Jeramy
Day, Kenneth	McCann, Jim	Swain, Jr., Terry
Harrington, Bryan	Miller, Tyler	Thomas, Peter Chris
Heinz, Karinne	Much, Jason	Thompson, David
Hickman, Richard	Piott, Trenton	Timpe, Chris
Hicks, Nathan	Posa, Codymicheal	
Holman, Evan	Radloff, Steven	



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Balastieri, Casey	Cato, Cecelia	Garling, John	Krenauer, Linda
Barber, Steve & Kitty	Cipollone, Elaine	Gifford, Judy	Lahera, Andy
Beeftink, Paul	Crooks, Candi	Goetter, Thomas	Lavaja, Jim
Bluver, Linda & son	DeVenuto, Lisa	Goforth, Jeffrey	Lewellen, Emily Anne
Blyth, Ruby	Dortin, Rachel	Goodloe, Ernestine	Lobenthal, Jean
Brace, Quin	Drake, Matthew	Graves, Janice &Declan	Loftin, Tracy
Brugger, Tristan	Farmer, Tom	Hertel, Karl	Longworth, Kathy
Burkhardt, Faith & Dina	Fidwell, Eloise	Iudiciani, Georgia	Lublemon family
Cahoone, Bill	Fowler family	Johnson, Jim	Lundsford, Victoria

Magnotta family	Pope, Jeff	Small, Brenda & Steven	Wells, Emmarie
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Maidhof, Dexter, Gary, Jeremiah	Queen, Max	Smrdel, Terri	Williams, Dorothy
McHugh, Mark	Rajotte, Keith	Stewart, Sam	Wilson, Karen
Meidl, Nancy	Ralph, Bruce	Stuart, Neil & Family	Wizard, Joe & Dana
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O'Berry, Darlene	Robertson, Jeanine	Traywick, Edward	Woods, Donna Jean
O'Keefe, Chris	Rothmeyer, Heidi	Tuegel, Chuck	Woolf, Nick
Pach, Barbara	Sbani, Carol	Vespa, Hazel	Wright, Matthew
Page-Wood, Jake	Scheetz, Cathy & Family	Vulkelich, Alejandra	
Parruche, Linda Ama	Sillen, Rita	Welsh, George	

Please take this prayer list and use it in your private or family devotions in the coming month. You can see that our congregation has a great many people who are in need of our prayers. Please let us know if your loved one is no longer serving in the military. Contact gslchernando@gmail.com for any updates.

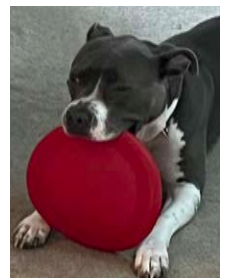
Newsletter Editor

ALL submissions for the **newsletter** or website should be sent to gslchernando@gmail.com. I would like to thank everyone for having their submission in before the deadline this month!

You can now donate online on the website with a QR code or by clicking the button. See the next page for links.

Stephanie

February deadline is **February 17th**.



SUNDAY SCHOOL/NURSERY

Susan Fowler

USHERS

10:00

February 4th & 11th

Cara & Tom Stickler

Susie Steinour

February 18th & 25th

Carole & Randy Wagner

Gary Bush

MEDIA CENTER

Fran Stetson

John Gifford

Joe Adams

Dan Cashman



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February 4th

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February 11th

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February 14th

Ginny Gopadze

February 18th

Sharon Maxwell

February 21st

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February 25th

Vera Swade

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Kid's Corner



AS THE FATHER HAS
LOVED ME,
SO HAVE I LOVED YOU.
NOW REMAIN IN
MY LOVE.

John 15:9, NIV

→
COLOR THE BOOKMARK
& THEN CUT IT OUT.

JESUS **LOVES** **ME**

THINGS I LOVE...

SPY...

Find & color the below images on the page

How many can you find on the page?

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JESUS
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HEART strings

Make this heartfelt craft as a decoration or gift.

What you need:

- Yarn
- Scissors
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- Baking sheet
- Heart-shaped cookie cutters
- ¼ cup cornstarch
- ½ cup water
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Cut yarn into 12-inch pieces.
2. Place cookie cutters atop a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.
3. Combine cornstarch and water in a saucepan. Heat mixture over medium heat, stirring until thick and smooth. Remove from heat and cool to form a "glue."
4. Dip each piece of yarn into the mixture to coat completely. Squeeze off any excess.
5. Place yarn in the cookie cutters, allowing pieces to cross and loop within the heart. Add more until the cookie cutter is filled and the yarn looks like a heart.
6. Remove cookie cutters and bake the sheet for two hours at 150°F, or until hearts are dry and hard.

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Starting on Ash Wednesday, the church traditionally observes Lent, a 40-day period of repentance and reflection. As we prepare for Easter, families can focus on Jesus' life and ministry, culminating in his death and resurrection.

Use this Lenten Bible Reading Plan, along with a kid-friendly Bible version, for family devotions. With older kids, you can expand the readings to the surrounding paragraph or chapter. Discuss how each reference to Christ ties into God's plan of salvation.



DAY 1
Genesis 3:15

DAY 2
Isaiah 7:14

DAY 3
Matthew 1:20-21

DAY 4
Luke 2:11

DAY 5
Luke 2:52

DAY 6
Mark 1:9-11

DAY 7
Matthew 4:10

DAY 8
Matthew 4:18-20

DAY 9
Luke 6:27-31

DAY 10
Matthew 11:28-30

DAY 11
Luke 4:40-41

DAY 12
Luke 8:24-25

DAY 13
Matthew 12:8

DAY 14
Mark 6:41-42

DAY 15
Luke 9:20-22

DAY 16
John 3:16-17

DAY 17
John 6:35

DAY 18
John 8:12

DAY 19
John 10:14-15

DAY 20
Mark 10:13-16

DAY 21
Mark 9:2-3

DAY 22
Matthew 20:17-19

DAY 23
Luke 19:9-10

DAY 24
Matthew 14:25-27

DAY 25
Luke 10:36-37

DAY 26
John 11:25-27, 43

DAY 27
John 12:3

DAY 28
Matthew 21:8-9

DAY 29
Mark 11:15-16

DAY 30
John 17:17-19

DAY 31
Luke 22:3-6

DAY 32
Mark 14:22-24

DAY 33
John 13:3-5

DAY 34
Matthew 26:39

DAY 35
Luke 22:63-65

DAY 36
Mark 15:22-26

DAY 37
Matthew 27:50-54

DAY 38
John 19:40-42

DAY 39
Luke 24:1-8

DAY 40
Matthew 28:19-20