

# The Visitor

A monthly newsletter for  
St. John's Christian Church Family and Friends

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## Prayer Corner

Please pray for...

- ◆ Shirley Wyse, who is recovering from hip surgery at Genacross Lutheran Services rehab in Napoleon.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, granddaughter of Roger & Kay, had a follow up appointment on 1/19. She has lost some weight, which is a concern, and she's had some side effects of her current medicine. The family is praying and trusting God that she'll continue to grow and gain strength. Asking for prayers for protection from the medicine, for her feet, her leg, her nerves and her weight.
- ◆ Wayne Spiess and family, upon Susie's entrance into eternal rest on 1/17 at the age of 95.
- ◆ Kenny Walker IV (teenage son of Kenny and Amanda) and his family, as Kenny had major surgery on 1/28. The surgery involved the removal of his pancreas, spleen, gall bladder and appendix. Kenny and his mother will be staying in Cincinnati for his care until 3/11.
- ◆ Norma Fish, who is recovering from a fractured kneecap.
- ◆ John Grieser, related to several in the church, who has been suffering from a severe case of Covid-19.
- ◆ Carol DeVries and family, upon Bob's entrance into eternal life on 12/31.
- ◆ Larry Wollace, who continues to receive monthly treatments for his prostate cancer.

Praises for answered prayers and joys for...

- ◆ Members of our congregation who have either recovered from Covid-19 or completed their respective quarantines, including Dean Buckenmeyer, Joan Wyse, Sue MacDonald, and Kevin and Angie Neuenschwander.

Prayers for protection and for the increase of peace worldwide:

- ◆ PFC Brenden Bostelman, Fort Campbell, KY (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Washington, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kohl Collins, Ft. Myers, VA (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill)

- ◆ Kyle Ducey, Suffolk, VA (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO (Ohio Army National Guard) (Son of Vond & Mary)
- ◆ Cpt. Jared Kuntz, Washington, DC (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Eric Maag, Port Clinton, OH (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short)
- ◆ AB Shayne & Taylor Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ David Richardson, Okinawa, Japan (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Joshua Richardson, Kaneohe, HI (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)

Please consider sending cards to these individuals letting them know that we continue to lift them up to God in prayer; and that He will guide, comfort, and sustain them through these times:

Fairlawn Haven, 407 E. Lutz Rd., Archbold, 43502  
David Lightner, Room #138  
Josephine Short, Room #405  
Jane Short, Room #172  
Wayne Spiess, Room #133

Fairlawn Assist. Living, 500 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502  
Donna Buehrer, Room #210

Independent Living, 600 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502  
Rosemarie Schmidt, Apt. #112

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Robert Kuntz, Room #225-2  
Velma Overmier, Room #501-1  
Bernice Rice, Room #224-2  
Beverly Beaverson, Suite #605

SKLD, 1104 Wesley Ave., Bryan 43506  
Verlene Lovejoy, Room #203B

Genacross, 1036 S. Perry St., Napoleon, 43545  
Audrey Smith, Room #403  
Shirley Wyse

## Pastor's Column

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 – “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: <sup>2</sup> a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, <sup>3</sup> a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, <sup>4</sup> a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, <sup>5</sup> a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, <sup>6</sup> a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, <sup>7</sup> a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, <sup>8</sup> a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.”

There is time, there are seasons, and there is change. I write this column on January 20<sup>th</sup>, the Day of Inauguration of the next President of America. Change has come, and further change will be coming. Whichever news source one reads or listens to, there is general awareness we are living in a time of dissension, with divisions between people and parties, with hope and/or concern, and even, worry, of what's to come in the days ahead. Whether one responds with hope or concern depends upon one's perspective, and I would believe it depends upon our faith and trust in the Lord.

In Joshua 24, Joshua speaks to the gathered people of Israel, seeking to renew the covenant God had established with Israel. Joshua challenges the people to choose whom they will serve – the Lord or their foreign gods. Verse 15 reminds us of Joshua's leadership when he tells the people, “But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Then in verse 24 we read the people's response, as they said to Joshua: “We will serve the Lord our God and obey him.”

One of the bedrock beliefs the congregation identified in a time of visioning and discernment continues to be a foundational statement of our ministry today – God is in control. Joshua believed this. Israel believed this. We must believe this. In our bent to sinfulness, we can lose our focus on this tenet, and so we must continually come before the Lord and renew our covenant of faith and obedience.

We are confronted and immersed in a time of vast change, globally and locally – political change, change resulting from or caused by a global pandemic, changing of our ministry as the St. John's Christian Preschool program comes to an end, and pastoral change as Alex Young's time with us comes to an end.

In regards to the changes coming with the preschool and the associate pastor, I pray that we can each rely on the words of change expressed in Ecclesiastes 3. The St. John's Christian Preschool has been a tremendous blessing of ministry. The preschool was blessed with gifted and wonderful administrators, in Cheri, Wendy, Linda, and Sue; and with talented and faithful teachers, in Darlene, Becky, Toni, and Joan. We thank the Lord for their presence and efforts for 31 years of preschool ministry. The Lord called Alex to serve as the associate pastor of the congregation. He has served well, with faithfulness, grace and peace. Let each of us uphold him and his family in our prayers as he seeks the next call the Lord is lining up for him.

In this time, and in all times, let us look to Lord, who is faithful and compassionate.

In God's Peace,

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## Congregational News and Thank You's

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St. John's,

I thank you for the news bulletin I received this week. It's a hard beginning of January 2021. The news was that a few friends have passed away. Marvin Fish was a good man. I got to know him through being at church and thereafter. And Bob DeVries was a friend in his young age to Mike Henry as boys growing up. We miss both men of the church.

As we all celebrated the Christmas holidays everywhere, thanks for the Christmas cards and greetings. It made it sweet.

We have a new little baby girl in our family. My nephew and his wife, Bradley and Meagan Rice now have a baby girl named Emma and I am the Great Aunt to this little one.

Sincerely,  
Bernice Rice

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### **Birthday Card Shower for Shirley Wyse!**

Shirley turns 90 on February 4th. Shirley is in rehab recovering from hip surgery as a result of a recent fall, so her family isn't able to visit with her in person. We're hoping people of the congregation can send Shirley a birthday card to lift up her spirits and help her celebrate turning 90. Cards can be mailed to the attention of Shirley at Genacross Lutheran Services, 1036 South Perry Street, Napoleon, Ohio, 43545.

## Announcements

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### **2020 Giving Statements**

2020 Giving Statements were emailed on January 19th and paper statements were mailed to households who don't make use of email. Printed copies of email statements and statements with further detail can be requested by contacting the church office. Please note we switched our database system in 2020, shifting from COMS to Breeze. Attention was given towards accuracy; however, please let the church office know if you notice any discrepancies.

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### **Live Stream Help Needed**

The Sunday morning Live Stream Tech Team is in need of one additional tech to help with Sunday morning worship services for the months of April through July, 2021. Techs typically cover 1-2 Sundays per month and are provided with training in YouTube Live and vMix ahead of their first scheduled service. If interested and available, please contact Jocelyn in the church office at 419-446-2545 or via text message at 419-575-4218.

## Preschool Corner

### December Update:

December was a busy month, as the children learned about the birth of Jesus our Savior as they excitedly looked forward to Christmas. We had many hands-on nativity sets in the classroom, as well as one on our bulletin board, and we talked about the Christmas story often. The children made photo ornaments for their parents' Christmas gifts, worked on skills such as matching, patterns, and upper/lower case letter matching in the classroom centers; and the older children participated in an interactive story about ornaments on the Christmas tree. This story highlighted the importance of placing Jesus's birth (rather than Santa) at the forefront of our Christmas celebration.

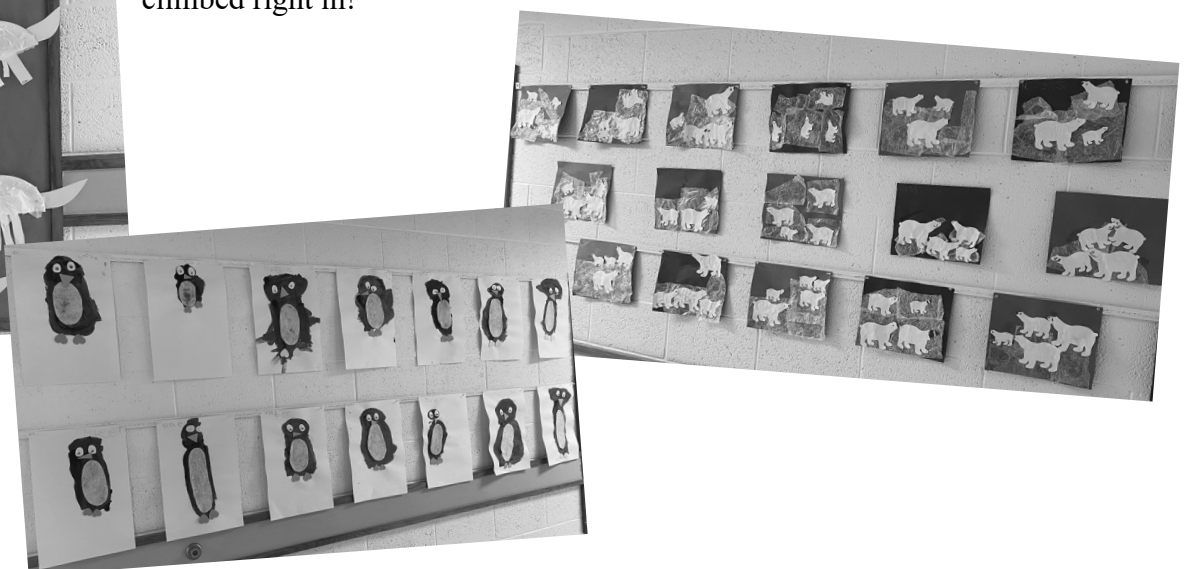
### January Update:

We hope you have been enjoying our artwork in the hallways (pictured below if you haven't been able to stop in)! After we returned from Christmas break, we started learning about the season of "Winter" and "Arctic Animals." We learned a lot of interesting facts about animals that live where it is COLD. We learned a few facts about the following animals: caribou, walrus, seal, arctic fox, penguin, snowshoe rabbit, and snowy owl. The younger children made arctic foxes with paper plates, white tissue paper, wiggly eyes and buttons, while the older children did freehand paintings of penguins. I LOVE how each one is different! We also had an ice skating rink in the classroom, complete with a hot cocoa stand. Yum!

All classes participated in an interactive story, *The Mitten*, by Jan Brett. We made a larger-than-life mitten in the gym, and ALL of the children fit in it!



After that, we brought a little warmth into the classroom as we talked about "Ocean Animals" and the "Beach." This is always a favorite among the children. We focused on the story of "Jonah and the Whale," while learning about how we should obey God and trust in him. The children played with sand, buckets, shovels, and shells in the Sensory Table, and we had plastic sea animals and water at another hands-on station. We also had an area for cutting practice—a plastic pool with scissors and ocean calendars. The children climbed right in!



## Consistory

### Associate Pastor's End of Call

*The following is the full text of the oral report Pastor Erich prepared for presentation at the annual meeting of the congregation:*

I continue to believe in the active presence and the working of the Holy Spirit amongst us all as a congregation. I, as the pastor of St. John's, always strive to honor the trust the congregation places in me, as well as the trust of our congregation's leadership. Our past and present have been shaped by the Lord, preparing all things for the future under the counsel and direction of the Spirit of God.

It is recognized that Pastor Alex is a person with several spiritual gifts and pastoral abilities. He was called to St. John's by the Spirit of the Lord, through the search and call process established by the church. He has served with faithfulness and compassion.

It is through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, with discernment and prayer that the Consistory believed that a change should be made at this time, for the well-being of both Pastor Alex and the congregation. The members of this church who have been elected to Consistory are people of faith and people of compassion, people who lead using their experiences in the church, in education, in business, in agriculture, and in finance.

The annual review process overseen by the Personnel Committee prompted the Consistory to evaluate the pastoral staffing of the church. Following four years of ministry with the congregation, it was the discernment of the Consistory that the gifts and abilities of Pastor Alex differ in the expectations of the associate pastor's position as outlined in the job description of the associate pastor position.

I believe the Lord will bless Pastor Alex with a new call of ministry, and I hope that his time with us here at St. John's is seen as part of his being further equipped in ministry.

It is recognized such decisions are difficult to make, to publish, and to communicate. The letter mailed to the congregation was meant to share the action taken. We know it was sudden news for people to hear. The timing was such that it was known so people could raise questions at this year's annual meeting for further understanding. People with further questions and comments may be in contact with the Consistory, the Personnel Committee, or myself.

### Transition Time – Pastoral Staff

"What's next?" is an obvious question to be asking in this time of pastoral staff transition. The Consistory will establish a process and timeline, reviewing job descriptions and the traditional search and call process, as well as recent discernment work of the congregation. A special congregational meeting will be scheduled in the next month or so for congregational input and discussion. More information will follow regarding the scheduling and format of this meeting.

## Consistory (cont.)

### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

Sunday, January 17, 2021

Congregational President Gary Frazier called the 2021 Annual Meeting to order and invited Pastor Erich to offer an opening prayer. In light of both in-person and Zoom participants, Gary Frazier and Jocelyn Walker reviewed procedural guidelines for everyone. A count of members present noted a quorum of 105 members, with 16 more members joining the meeting prior to the time of the election.

The SJCC mission/vision statement, Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together, was reviewed, highlighting some of the top 10 Bedrock Beliefs identified by the congregation in 2006. God is in control. We are always seeking His guidance and direction. As the fellowship of believers in Christ, we found ways to worship and touch base outside the church building during the pandemic.

President Frazier reviewed the ballot, sharing that Kim S. Walker accepted the nomination as congregational secretary. There being no nominations from the floor, members proceeded to mark their ballots.

The 2020 Financial Reports were reviewed, with time spent considering pages 9 and 10 of the meeting packet, detailing pertinent changes to the accounting system over the course of the past year. The Investment Report was not available for review. It was noted that the Operating Budget and Mission Budget included changes to how certain line items were to be accounted for in the new system. The Capital Improvement Fund will be closed and those annual expenses will be in the Operating Budget. The capital funds in the Springer Scholarship have been fully disbursed, so this fund reached its conclusion.

Results of the election were – President - Gary Frazier; Congregational Secretary - Kim S. Walker; Elders – Jon Lindsay and Betsy Redd; Deacon/Deaconess – Karen Walker, Missy Warncke and Bruce Wooley

Laura Johnson presented on behalf of the Personnel Committee. Laura notified the congregation of a change of health insurance providers, now with Anthem. This change provided a decrease in premiums, with a slight change in the policy in regard to prescriptions. The decrease in the budget was \$18,791.00.

Questions arose regarding the End of Call Agreement for Pastor Alex. It was shared that all decisions made by the Personnel Committee and Consistory were shaped through discernment and the guidance of the Spirit of the Lord, following the results of the annual review process. Concerns from the congregation regarding Alex's End of Call Agreement were expressed and responded to, as well as praises given for his work while here.

The proposed 2021 Operating Budget was reviewed, with key changes being noted. The Property Committee has proposed hiring a part-time maintenance person with a proposed cost of up to \$20,000.00. The annual church maintenance costs, which used to be part of the Capital Improvement Fund, are being transferred to the Operating Budget because they are annual expenses. Camp Scholarships, College Scholarships, Evangelical Association fees, Love Fund, St. Johns Evangelism Outreach and WMTR expenses are transferring from the Mission Budget to the Operating Budget because they are ministries of the church.

The proposed Mission Budget was reviewed. Some mission trips have been postponed until a later date due to issues with the pandemic. The Consistory recommended a new sponsorship of the Fairlawn Chaplain Ministry, at a support level of \$2,000 per year. The Mission Budget appears to be reduced by \$26,000.00, most of which results from the above mentioned items being transferred to the Operating Budget.

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## Consistory (cont.)

The report of the ceasing of the St. Johns Christian Preschool was included in the meeting packet. Compliments were offered on behalf of the Preschool staff.

In his written and oral reports, Pastor Erich acknowledged the change in transition. 2020 was a difficult year and many difficult changes were made. He has relied on the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit. He offered thanks to all those who help serve the church in so many capacities with their work shaped by the Spirit of the Lord. Pastor Erich closed with a reference to Romans 5:3-5.

In his oral report, Pastor Alex shared words of gratitude. Pastor Alex reviewed activities and ministries that he has enjoyed being part of. Alex shared some newly created activities such as ministries of care. He closed with a Benediction.

Jeff Rutledge gave a brief report on the work of the Facility Committee. The committee has developed a Building Program with G5 Architecture. 40% of first estimate was for HVAC costs. In December, an HVAC engineering team looked at the church, and the committee is awaiting follow up on that.

## 2021 Members of Consistory

### *Elders*

Ryan Christman, Jon Lindsay, Todd Nafziger, Betsy Redd, Brad Roth

### *Deacons/Deaconess*

Tim Beck, Jim Grieser, Mindy Gruenhagen, Keith Kern, Jan Lindsay, Crissi Stuckey, Karen Walker, Missy Warncke, Bruce Wooley

### *Officers/Pastors*

Gary Frazier, Kim S. Walker, Erich Christman, Alex Young

## Ministry Happenings

### **Sunday Morning and Wednesday Evening Children's and Youth Ministries**

Our Logos, JYF, SYF and Life Planning programs remain suspended as of now. Ministry leaders have been meeting via Zoom to discuss and discern. While health and safety is paramount, of key importance is to avoid causing people to be quarantined, which affects work and school attendance, among other things. The Christian Education leaders will meet via Zoom again on February 3rd. Parents of our children and youth will be sent a survey link for input.

### **Men's Ministry**

In January, St. John's Men's Ministry started an 8-week video study entitled "Who has your six?" from the makers of Rough Cut Men. The ministry takes clips from major motion pictures like Top Gun, Saving Private Ryan, Walk the Line, and Rudy, and brings biblical truths to them.

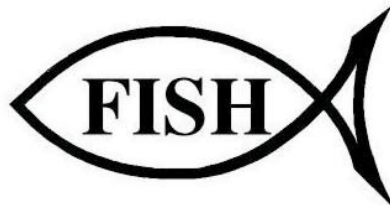
The mission of the series is to connect men. In combat, it's trained into the soldiers. In the church, we need to get past the shallow talk and get real with each other. The video series is designed to create awareness that every man needs another man to cover his six (his back).

Sessions are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel and consist of 20-30 minute video clips followed by 30 minutes for discussion. Please consider joining to better connect with men in our ministry and community alike!



## Mission Corner

### February Mission-A-Month FISH Food Pantry



It is the goal of the Archbold FISH Food Pantry to assist low-income families on a short-term basis, particularly those in a crisis situation, and to share God's grace. All of the households served have an Archbold mailing address, live in the Archbold school district, or attend a church which supports the Archbold FISH Pantry. Because of fear of Covid-19 and stimulus checks payments, overall numbers are down; however, the number of new families needing assistance has increased significantly. FISH is making home deliveries, offering no-contact pickup at the pantry, and allowing a few shoppers at a one time into the pantry to choose their own items on pantry days. We also help families with rent, utility payments, or prescriptions. The Archbold FISH Pantry is completely reliant on the donations from generous people in our community.

Additionally, the FISH Food Pantry has put together "Buy One...Give One" baskets looking for businesses, salons, fitness centers, and other business owners who would be willing to put a basket in their place of business from now until April to help collect personal care items (which public assistance does not provide for). If you are a business owner in one of these industries and would like to help, please call Julie Brink at 567-239-8481 or let the church office know you'd like a basket.

Below are some items currently in greater need at the pantry, but anything helps!

#### FOOD

- ♦ Canned potatoes, peas, diced tomatoes
- ♦ Canned pineapple, mandarin oranges\*
- ♦ Large soups (like Progresso or Campbell's Chunky)
- ♦ Refried beans, black beans, kidney beans
- ♦ Canola oil\*
- ♦ Sugar\*
- ♦ Brownie mix
- ♦ Canned meat

#### PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- ♦ Toilet paper
- ♦ Paper towels
- ♦ Multi-purpose cleaner\*
- ♦ Dish soap\*
- ♦ 2-in-1 Shampoo\*
- ♦ Deodorant\*
- ♦ Toothpaste

\*Desperately needed item

Donated items can be placed in the white mission box in the Chapel Narthex. You can also give monetary donations through your weekly offering envelopes or in the church office. Monetary donations allow the pantry to purchase needed items in bulk. Thank you for your support in offering help and hope to those in need!

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## Mission Corner (cont.)

### Summer Mission Trip

*In Cooperation with LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity (LCHFH)*

The group will work with LCHFH in Michigan City, IN, during the week of June 13-18. Last year's experience amidst the pandemic went well in terms of safety and group dynamics. We are not sure if the group will lodge at a local hotel again or if they'll be at Tower Hill Church Camp, but LCHFH is planning on a group of SJCC volunteers to help frame their next home project.



### Kajiado Mission Trip – June, 2021

The trip is still tentatively scheduled as of now. David and Crissi Stuckey were to participate, as last year's trip was cancelled, but they have opted to not travel in 2021, so hopefully they'll be able to go in 2022.

### Thank You's from our Mission Partners

- ♦ Matt & Paige Waanders, for our gift of \$80.
- ♦ Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$100.
- ♦ Cherry St. Mission, for our gift of \$45.

*Thank!  
You!*

### Robert & Jenni McMahan, CRU (BGSU)

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## February Worship Schedule

The Worship Schedule for the month of February:

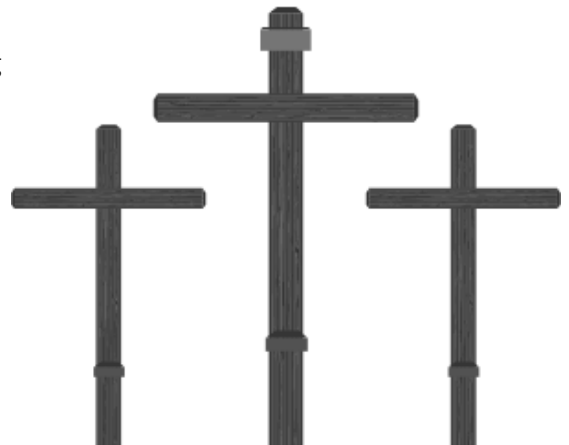
February 7	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Scriptures – Isaiah 40:21-31, Mark 1:29-39, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Sermon – “Knowing Who Jesus Is”
February 14	Transfiguration Sunday Scriptures – Psalm 50:1-6, Mark 9:2-9, 2 Corinthians 4:3-5 Sermon – “Listening, Attentively” Special Music – “The Blessing” – Adam Swisher and Jocelyn Walker
February 17	Ash Wednesday – 7:00pm Service Sacrament of Holy Communion Scriptures – Psalm 51:1-17, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-1, 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Sermon – “Being Washed and Cleansed”
February 21	First Sunday of Lent Scriptures – Psalm 25:1-10, Mark 1:9-15, 1 Peter 3:18-22 Sermon – “Standing Against Temptation”
February 28	Second Sunday of Lent Scriptures – Psalm 22:23-31, Mark 8:31-38, Romans 4:13-25

## Season of Lent

### Ash Wednesday, February 17th through Holy Saturday, April 3rd

This season of 40 days (not including Sunday’s, as Sunday’s are always a day of worship and celebration) is observed as a time for growth in faith, as well as a time for deepening one’s devotional life. Lent is an invitation to 40 days of renewal and 40 days to prepare ourselves to take in the Good News of Easter through the disciplines of prayer, self-denial, and rededication.

We will be offering Lenten lessons each Wednesday evening during the season, beginning at 7:00pm. This time of teaching will be offered in the sanctuary for both in-person and live stream connection.



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	1 11:00AM Staff Meeting	2 9:15AM Bible Study 7:00PM Mission Com.	3 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 7:00PM Men's Ministry	4	5	6
7 8:00AM Worship 8:30AM Pause for Praise 10:30AM Worship	8 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision	9 9:15AM Bible Study 7:00PM Property Com.	10 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 7:00PM Men's Ministry	11	12	13 7:40AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
14 8:00AM Worship 8:30AM Pause for Praise 10:30AM Worship 6:00PM Seekers	15 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:15PM Spiritual Council 7:30PM Consistory	16 9:15AM Bible Study	17 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 7:00PM Worship Service	18	19	20
21 8:00AM Worship 8:30AM Pause for Praise 10:30AM Worship	22 11:00AM Staff Meeting	23 9:15AM Bible Study	24 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 7:00PM Men's Ministry 7:00PM Lenten Lesson	25	26	27
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## Birthdays and Anniversaries!

1	John & Mary Beck	16	Hannah Grieser, Ryan Kinsman
2	Bruce Wooley	17	Donna Buehrer, Rod Wyse, Justin & Kelsey Pursel
4	Riley Kleck, Nancy Lightner, Karen Rice, Shirley Wyse	18	Jared Kuntz, Andrew Wyse
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## February Daily Scriptures

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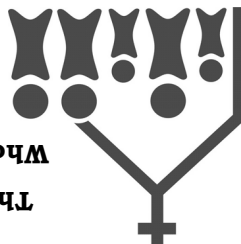
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