

FAITH NEWS

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 2021

A LETTER FROM PASTOR

I always find February a fascinating month when it comes to celebrations. February 14th is Valentine's Day, that ode to chocolates, flowers, and romance, named after Saint Valentine of Rome, the 3rd century patron of: engaged couples, marriages, love, fainting, epilepsy, plagues, and beekeeping. Most years February also holds in it's days Ash Wednesday, which falls between Feb 17 and March 10.

It might seem that this is an odd comparison, Valentines Day and Ash Wednesday. One day is about love, life, and a future together, while the other day reminds us about our mortality, with death wiped on our brows as we hear the words, "remember you are dust and to dust you shall return."

Early this February I officiated both a wedding and a funeral within four days of each other. Seeing those events so close together I was reminded of what I consider the key distinctions between the two.

Weddings are beautiful, filled with love, grander, and celebration. Guests bustle in, superlatives are spoken, vows are exchanged, promises are made, and then a reception happens. All this while juggling photographers, friends, family, and all the little details that add to the day.

Funerals, tend to be, a bit more somber. They are still beautiful, and filled with love and a celebration of life, though they also carry a sadness, a longing of the lost.

The true beauty I find in funerals, that is not present in weddings, is the desire to spent just one more hour with the loved one who has been lost. Funerals lack the urgency that is typically prompted by pushy photographers, or restless guest. There's no anxiety about the entrees, whether or not the bar will be open or cash, or if Uncle Mark is going to make a fool of himself on the dance floor. There is simply a desire to have one more hour with a loved one no longer in our midst.

There's a Latin phrase "Memento Moir" that translates to "remember that you will die." This is meant to be more inspirational than morbid.

Remember that you will die, so make the most of this and every day that you have. Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Make the most of this Valentine's Day; tell your partner, your family, and your friends how much you love them.

May we all remember this year round, and not just on Feb 14th. Our days are fleeting, we will die, and return to the dust from which we came. So let us make the most of every second we have. Let us extend more grace, hug more necks, and let those we love know how much we care every single day.

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		MONTH December, 2020		YEAR TO DATE	YEAR TO DATE	
Income	Projected	Actual	Up/Down	Projected	Actual	Up/Down
Offering	\$16,666.67	\$18,766.17	\$2,099.50	\$200,000.00	\$180,653.24	-\$19,346.76

Operating Fund currently = \$25,201.86 including \$14,700.00 from PPP grant

6% benevolence of \$18,766.17 offering for the month = \$1,125.97 (\$1,013.37 to the synod and \$112.60 to BREAD)

Additional monies of \$786.80 were given by members for the Cause of the Month for December (Veterans' Fund), for a total benevolence for the month of \$1,912.77.

The original term of the building loan will expire in February, 2021. We are blessed to have such generous members of the congregation and thank them for their commitment to their pledges. We also know that some people may have pledges that were not fulfilled, and they want to continue their giving. Those pledges will continue to be received and will be repaid to the fund from which the early payoff monies were taken.

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

18 WALTER KUEHN

18 TYLER MARINELLO

19 ROGER SOUTHWARD

20 CAROLYN JARVI

20 JARROD KUHN

20 MULAT DAGEBO

21 MARK BROWN

22 CHUCK STEARNS

23 CHERYL HEFNER

26 HEATHER BROWN

28 ELIZABETH KUHN

26 JODIE MARTIN-OILER

25 ALICE APPEL

18 MARTY HAAS

- 01 FRAN EVANS
- 01 TERI ALLEN
- 01 KAYLEE CLARK
- 02 JIM BLINE
- 02 PHYLLIS NESTER
- 03 SHELLY OLSON
- 04 LARRY HERTZOG
- 05 JEANNE BOYKIN
- 05 MAUREEN ZIMMERMAN
- 07 ROBERT CHAPPELLE
- 07 STEVE CHAPPELLE
- U/ SIEVE CHAFFELLE
- 09 MARK EMERSON
- 14 KYLE BAKER
- 15 JACKSON ANDERSON
- 15 SUMNER ANDERSON

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 JAMES & JANET BAKER
- 16 DANA & CHERYL HEFNER
- 26 PAUL & SHELLY OLSON

Christian Counseling Available at Faith Lutheran Church

Dr. Nina Helene has been providing affordable Christian Mental Health and Chemical Dependency counseling to Whitehall area residents for 20 years.

She will be holding sessions at Faith Lutheran Church on Tuesdays in a convenient, private location in the church that protects client anonymity. If you have any questions, or to schedule an appointment, please call (614) 906-6609.

<u>CAUSE OF THE MONTH -</u> <u>SOUPER BOWL LSS</u>

Once again, we are supporting LSS Souper Bowl of Caring for February's Cause of the Month. This year, due to Covid-19, Souper Bowl may look slightly different, but we are still supporting a great cause in providing meals for those in need through LSS and through their Food Pantry.

Please Write "Souper Bowl" or "Cause of the Month" in the memo line to donate.



Congregational Updates

- We are currently updating our directory! If you have any changes to your mailing address, phone number, or email, please call or email the Office Admin.
- If you would like a copy of "Christ In Our Home", "Portals of Prayer", or "Living Lutheran" sent to you, please call or email the Office with your address.
- An anonymous donor will be matching donations to the February Cause of the Month "Souper Bowl" up to \$1,000.
 Donations will be accepted until the end of February.



- The new Worship Companion for Ash Wednesday Pentecost Sunday are available now! Download from constant contact or stop by the office to get a copy.
- Thanks to all who supported the January Cause of the Month for the Faith Mission shoes/ socks project. Faith members more than matched the donations from Meijer (\$1,000) and Thrivent (\$250) towards the project. Dave Appel and Alan Mittermaier delivered new

men's shoes (126 pairs) and women's shoes (12 pairs) plus socks purchased from local Meijer stores.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for divisions in our country and among families during on-going political tensions.
- Thomas Maxwell, father of Meredith Szeles, who is fighting stage 4 melanoma.
- Herb Pennington, friend of Jodie Martin Oiler, who was involved in a motorcycle accident.
- Billy Wittenbrook, father of a co-worker of Tom Chappelle, resurgence of cancer at age 92.
- George Dorn, father of Heidi Stover, whose cancer has spread.
- Bruce Burkhart. Cousin of Suzanne Ohrstedt, who has Covid-19 in Florida and is entering into hospice care.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
Holic	lays in BLUE - F						
	1 6:30 Praise Board Meeting	2 Presentation Of Our Lord	3 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) Psalm 147 Ansgar, Archbishop & Missionary, 865	4 7:00 Resource Board Meeting	5 Martyrs of Japan, 1597	6	
7 10:00AM Worship (Zoom)	8	9	10 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) Psalm 50	11 7:00 Council Meeting	12	13	
14 10:00AM Worship (Zoom) Valentine's Day	15	16	17 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) Psalm 25 7:00 Ash Wednesday	18	19	20 Rasmus Jensen, First N.A Lutheran Pastor, 1620	
21 10:00AM Worship (Zoom)	22	23 Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, 156	24 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) Psalm 22 St Matthias, Apostle	25 Elizabeth Fredde, Deaconess, 1921	26	27	
28 10:00AM Worship (Zoom)		February 2021					