

FAITH NEWS

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 2023

A LETTER FROM PASTOR

Lent is a season of preparation. Throughout the centuries, catechesis has been a key part of this preparation. Catechesis is often understood as simply “Christian Education” though in the truest sense of the word, it is Christian Education in preparation of Baptism or Confirmation. Ancient church father Tertullian (in North Africa) believed that Easter was the most solemn day for Baptisms, as the church celebrated the Pascha. Much like the church of our own time, however, in the local congregations of the 3rd century, praxis often won out over theory. Regardless, throughout the centuries education has always gone hand in hand with the preparation of both the Pascha Feast of Easter, and the sacrament of Holy Baptism— and Affirmation of Baptism for us Lutherans.

Leaning into this tradition, we here at Faith are offering a number of opportunities for education across these 40 days.

Tuesdays at 10:00AM in the sanctuary is a time of reading, prayer, reflection, and Holy Communion. Our theme is “Mountains of the Bible.” We are juxtaposing scripture accounts involving mountains with writings of Beat Generation author Jack Kerouac. In 1956 Kerouac spent a season as a fire lookout in the North Cascades National Park. In typical Kerouac fashion, his writings from that time are deeply rooted in wandering, wrestling, and understand himself, the world, and God.

Wednesdays at 6:30PM in the sanctuary is a time of song, prayer, and preaching, as we gather around the theme of “Valleys of the Bible.” Each week there will be a reflection on one of the many valleys that the people of God wandered through, trusting and following where God led them.

Mountains of The Bible

Tues @ 10:00AM

2/28 Mt Sinai

3/7 Mt Moriah

3/14 Mt Tabor (w/ Rev. Grate)

3/21 Mt. Gerizim

3/28 Mt. Nebo

Valleys of the Bible

Weds @ 6:30PM

3/1 Valley of Eschol

3/8 Valley of Elah

3/15 Valley of Dry Bones (w/ Deacon Diane)

3/22 Valley of Hinnom

3/29 Valley of Jezreel




These themes were picked to reflect the ups & downs of all our life’s journeys.

Wherever you find yourself during these 40 days, be it up on a mountain or down in a valley, I hope you will find time to join us for one of these special events.

Pastor Hille



Busy Bees

- Thanks to Jane Ahrens, Charlene Coy, and Jeff Cirelli for cleaning out the lounge kitchen area! 
- Thanks to Herb & Bev Scholes for pulling double duty this month in setting up for communion for worship on Tuesdays and Sundays!
- Thanks to Gloria Andrews for organizing the Anthony Thomas Chocolate Factory tour!  

Blankets and Quilts

If you have bed blankets or quilting materials that are no longer needed, please bring them to the quilters to support their ministry with Lutheran World Relief!

Contact Jane Ahrens at janeahrens6165@gmail.com or Nate in the office at faithoffice@faithwhitehall.com

Butterfly Decorating

Join us in the Glass Hallway after worship on April 2nd to decorate butterflies!

These will be hung on the windows for Easter!
Everyone is welcome!



January 2023 Treasurer's Report

Linda Mittermaier

Operating fund	Monthly Budget	January 2023	January 2022
Total Offerings and Other Income	\$15,717	\$12,930	\$15,930
Total Expenses	18,234	17,700	19,721
Net Surplus or (Deficit)	(\$2,517)	(\$4,769)	(\$3,791)

2023 got off to a rough financial start. Although expenses were slightly below budget, our offerings fell short of budget, despite being a 5-Sunday month. As a result, the Operating Fund ended up with a deficit of \$4,769 for January.

Offerings in January to the Loan Fund totaled \$635, Then, Now, Forever Fund totaled \$2,345 and Cause of the Month (Another Child Foundation) totaled \$405.


CAUSE OF THE MONTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL PEOPLE



The Community & Church for All People provides a myriad of much needed services to our friends in need, including a free store, job training, hygiene, and much more. Due to the cut in city funding for warming shelters, they are struggling to provide this nightly service. Gifts made will go toward keeping doors open to those in need.

Offering Envelopes Are Here

The format has changed in the hopes that it will be easier to make offerings. Instead of separate envelopes for various funds, one check can be spread out over multiple categories. Please indicate on the front of the offering envelope how much you are giving in each category. The total amount on the envelope must agree with the total amount of the check or cash contained in the envelope. If your offering is made by check, you need not write anything in the memo line of your check.

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730 Collingwood Ave. Whitehall, OH 43213	Name : _____
	Offering _____
	Loan _____
	Then, Now, Forever _____
	Cause of the Month _____
	Other _____
"Sharing and celebrating the Good News of Jesus Christ so that all people will know Him."	Total _____

BIRTHDAYS

4 JUDI BRENNING	22 TERESA CHAPPELLE
15 NOAH MAYER	27 JESSIE ANNABLE
16 MARILYN DOUPNIK	29 BRENT MAYER
17 DAVE GARVIN	

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

17 ALAN & LINDA MITTERMAIER
25 ROBERT & PHYLLIS NESTER

Prayer Requests

- Sue Wille, who is dealing with a cancerous tumor located in her thigh.
- Lisa Robinson-Boyer, sister of Karen Brown.
- Dwight Hedrick, friend of Alan & Linda Mittermaier.
- Tom Heuer, friend of Alan & Linda Mittermaier.
- Jennie Brown, mother of Sue Parr, who broke her hip.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Holidays in BLUE - Festivals and Commemorations in GREEN						
<h1>March</h1>			1 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00PM Quilters George Herbert, Priest, 1633	2 9:00AM Men's Breakfast @ Tee Jay's 1:00PM Chocolate Factory Tour 7:00PM Resource Board	3	4
5 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:35AM Adult Forum 11:30AM Zoom	6 7:00PM Praise Board	7 10:00AM Lenten Morning Prayer - Mt. Moriah 7:00PM Outreach Board Perpetua, Martyr, 202	8 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00PM Quilters 6:30PM Vespers (Sanctuary)	9 7:00PM Council	10	11
12 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:35AM Adult Forum 11:30AM Zoom Gregory the Great, Bishop, 604	13	14 10:00AM Lenten Morning Prayer - Mt. Tabor (with Rev. Rebecca Grate) 1:00PM Circle Bible Study	15 12:00PM Quilters 6:30PM Vespers (Sanctuary) with Deacon Diane Schwiger-Alexander	16	17 St. Patrick, Bishop, 461	18 World Quilting Day
19 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:35AM Adult Forum 11:30AM Zoom Joseph, Guardian of Our Lord	20	21 10:00AM Lenten Morning Prayer - Mt. Gerizim	22 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00PM Quilters 6:30PM Vespers (Sanctuary)	23	24	25 The Annunciation of Our Lord
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Would you like your ministry included on the church calendar in the Faith Newsletter? Please contact the office at (614) 237-4241 (or) faithoffice@faithwhitehall.com



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