



Monthly Newsletter

February 2023

Community Lutheran Church

*Jesus said, "Whoever believes in me, streams of living water will flow from within them."
John 7:38*



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OFFICE HOURS:
Tues.– Fri., 9 am to 1 pm;

SUNDAY WORSHIP:
Sunday, 9 & 11 am
Last Sunday of every
month: 10:00 am

Mission Statement of Community Lutheran Church:
Living Christ's love in all we do.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM



"A Short and Busy Month"

It is now February. The work and ministry is in full swing for 2023. Our new church council is in place and we are fully engaged in our activities.

February is a month of minor celebrations that are major for some people, but not all of us. Ground Hog Day on Feb. 2nd is when we begin to think about the coming spring. Valentine's Day on February 14th is when we share our love for those most important in our lives.

And for the church Ash Wednesday is on February 22nd. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent; the 40 days before Easter for us to do some solemn reflection on how to improve our lives as a Christian people. Ash Wednesday is traditionally a day to remind us of how sin gives death a

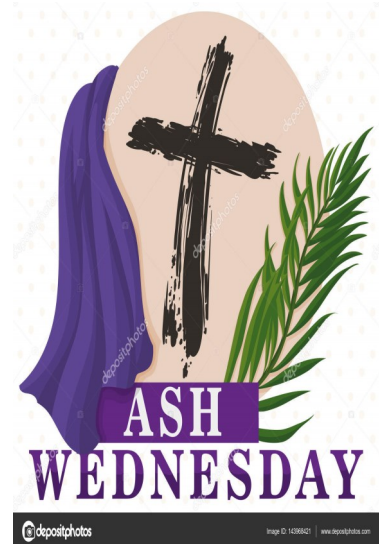
more destructive power in our lives and of how we desperately are in need of the salvation of God through Christ's death and resurrection.

We are having an Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm on February 22nd with Holy Communion and the imposition of Ashes (a symbol of how death shrouds our lives). On the following five Wednesdays beginning on March 1st, we will have Lenten Services at 6 pm with a soup dinner at 5:30 pm.

My prayer for all of you is for you to be active in the ministry of our congregation and reflective upon your faith in Christ during the Lenten season. And Christ's Spirit is with you.

In Christ's peace.

Pastor Tim



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Notes from your Church Council

Greetings to you from your church council. Last Sunday was the official installation for new and continuing council members. Lynda Crawford, Chad Lelm, Jan Parrott and James Smock are continuing members. Lou Padilla and Jean Thompson are new members who were elected at the annual meeting on January 22. The next council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 9. It's time to move forward to face the new and continuing challenges of 2023.

I would like to thank those council members whose terms ended in January.

Don Dueker filled a one year term and we benefited from his meaningful advice, sly humor and timely challenges. "When he speaks, it's time to listen!" Thank you Don.

Joann Hoffmeier served as council president for the past year. She previously served as the treasurer. Her energy and determination seemed endless as she faced the council challenges in 2022. She organized the "God's Work, Our Hands" project last fall. Joann is always willing to help and will continue to serve on the Water Committee in 2023. Thank you Joann.

Everything we have is a gift from God. This includes the time, talents and resources we may choose to share with Community Lutheran Church to be involved in a way that will acknowledge the gifts God has given you. Choose to be a part of the continuing journey of Community Lutheran Church.

Jan Parrott
2023 Church Council



Thank You!!

I would like to thank everyone who helped with Don Oman's memorial luncheon. Thanks to everyone who brought dishes to share and to all who helped with the clean up. You are greatly appreciated and a true gift from God. Reva

Ash Wednesday's Wake-Up Call



Ash Wednesday's wake-up call

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

With these words from Genesis 3:19 and the swipe of a dirty thumb across our foreheads, Ash Wednesday propels us into Lent with the proper context to understand our lives as stewards of all that God entrusts to us.

Ash Wednesday, which falls on Feb. 22, teaches us that we are mortals, after all. It crushes our ego, dispels our pretensions and drives us deep into God's mysteries: Why are we here? What are our lives all about? What's really important? Pray over these questions and profound insights emerge.

We are dust. Yes, but we are God's dust. Our body consists of trillions of atoms, each a speck of “dust” created by God billions of years ago. God put us together from the stuff of the universe.

- Therefore, we are quite literally “earthy” beings, made of the same material as air, water, soil and stone. As part of creation, we work to preserve, protect and sustain creation.
- Therefore, we have reverence for our bodies, expressed through healthy living.

We are breath. We are “dust” into which God has “breathed the Holy breath of life” (Genesis 2:7).

- Therefore, every breath we take is holy, reminding us of God's life force in us.
- Therefore, we look to God to align our lives with God's holy realities of peace, love, joy, justice and truth.

Our time is brief. Our “dust” will return to the earth someday. We are mortal.

- Therefore, every hour, every second is sacred. We spend our time wisely, carefully, prayerfully.
- Therefore, we do not cling to possessions, knowing that we hold onto them only for a little while.
- Therefore, we fill our lives with treasures of lasting value – friendships, trust, love, joy, service, generosity and harmony.

This Lent, spend time in prayer, with openness and honesty. See how God will turn your heart and mind, transforming you into the person you were created to be. Reflect each day on Ash Wednesday. “Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

--Rob Blezard

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CHURCH CHIOR Notes

“Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.” (Psalm 149:1; NRSV)

Emboldened by the success of our Christmas Cantatas, the choir is now beginning its rehearsals for our Easter Cantata. Rehearsals began on Wednesday, January 4th, and we will meet every Wednesday at 6 pm. In March during Lent, the choir will meet at 6:45 following the Lentin services. The Easter Cantatas will be on Palm Sunday, April 2nd and on Good Friday, April 7th.

Our choir is one of Community Lutheran’s resources to do evangelism to our community and we have singers who are not active with our congregation who always sing with us for the cantatas. Not only that, it is a lot of fun.

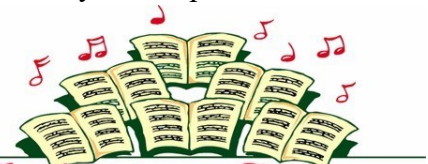
Some of us have studied music and read music. Some of us don’t know how to read music and do our best to listen and learn. And all of us laugh as we strive to learn together how to proclaim the gospel message through our music.

If you like to sing and like to fellowship, then this is a great opportunity for you to join us. We always enjoy and welcome newcomers to the choir.

So please join us as we begin our journey together to learn a new cantata and we hope you will also join us in singing choir anthems on Sunday mornings to enrich our weekly worship.

It should be a great year in God’s grace.

Pastor Tim (a fellow member of the choir)



WELCA NEWS

Coming up on February 11th at 11:00 am will be our annual Anything Chocolate fundraiser. So mark your calendar and plan to attend. This year the money raised will be going toward the water project to help the church connect to city water.



ANYTHING CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL

Join us on Saturday, February 11, 2023

11 am – 2 pm

for our

ANYTHING

CHOCOLATE!

Potato Bar Tickets \$6.00

Chocolate \$3.00

Soft drinks for purchase



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Raffle Baskets

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February Birthdays

- 3—Evelyn Karr
- 5—Virginia Sorby
- 9—David Brusby
- 9—Max Salem
- 17—Shirley Cuttler
- 18—Adrienne Cordero
- 21—Joyce Rye
- 23—Lou Padilla

February Anniversaries

- 7-Jean & Tom Thompson(42)
- 12-Monty & Geline Ostgaard (29)
- 14-John & Karen Miller (13)
- 17-Larry & DiAnne Kaul (33)
- 22-Charles & Virginia Sorby (65)



Mark your Calendars!

WELCA:

Women's Bible Study:

February 7th. The women's Bible study has been moved to the first Tuesday of every month, at 10:30 am.

Women's meetings:

Tuesdays, at 10:30 am, starting February 14th. Their project will be creating new Chrismons for our Christmas tree.

February 11th:

Anything Chocolate Event

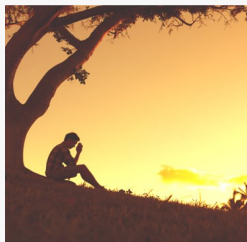
February 22nd:

Ash Wednesday; Lent begins

Pastor's Bible Study

Thursdays at 2:00 pm
All are welcome.

Prayer Corner



PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Please continue to pray for all the persons whose names have been offered up by members and friends of the congregation.

We pray for healing, comfort, guidance, strength, recovery, safe travel, and unrevealed needs, as well as for those with thankful hearts and for those who grieve.

Let us remember the ones God called home out of our midst, and keep their families and friends in our prayers.



If you know someone who would like to be included in the ongoing monthly prayer list, be it for prayer or thanksgiving, please let the office know!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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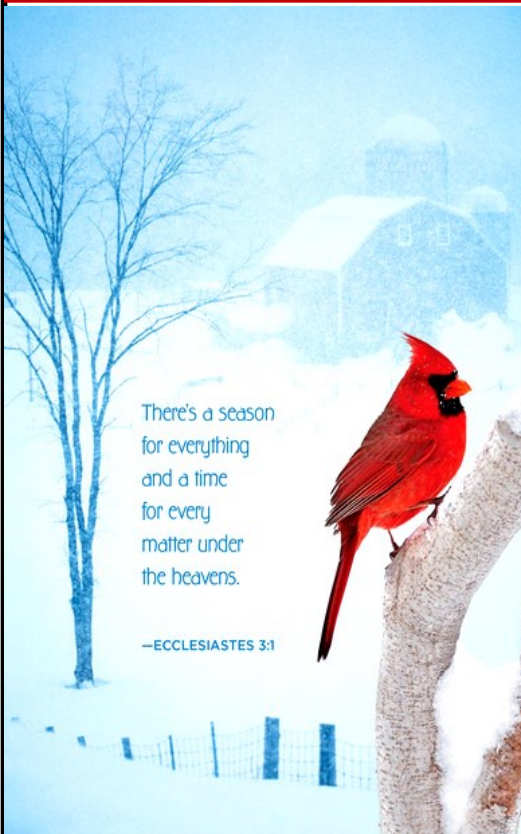
March 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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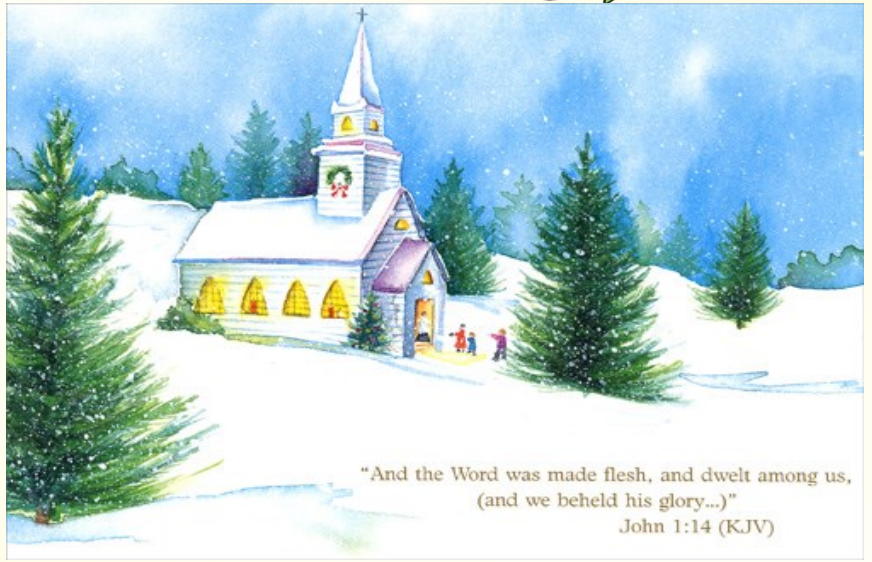
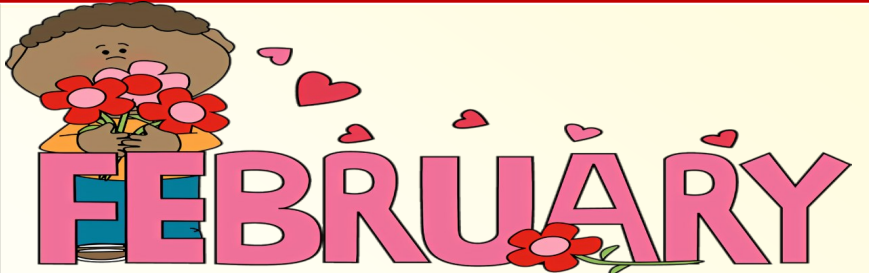
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There's a season
for everything
and a time
for every
matter under
the heavens.

—ECCLESIASTES 3:1



"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,
(and we beheld his glory...)"
John 1:14 (KJV)

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