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

*9:00 am only during summer months starting May 5th Thru Oct 27th

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

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM



This Strange Lenten Season

This year, the month of February is when the sacred days of observance clash with the secular days of celebration. Super Bowl Sunday is on February 11th and that is the same day as the Festival of the Transfiguration of our Lord when we praise Jesus one last time before we begin the somber season of Lent. And Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, February 14th when our culture is celebrating Valentine's Day.

It can be difficult to be a church that is beginning to honestly reflect upon the reality of the human nature to sin and how we utterly need Christ's forgiveness and salvation in our lives when the world is encouraging us to celebrate the values of sports and entertainment media during the Super Bowl and the joys of both romantic and friendly love on Valentine's Day.

And this year, CLC will be observing the season of Lent in a different way: jointly with Hope United Methodist Church. On Tuesday, February 13th, Hope will host a pancake feed for Shrove Tuesday beginning at 5:30 pm and CLC is invited to join them. And on Ash Wednesday at 7 pm, CLC is hosting a joint Ash Wednesday Service with Hope.

The Wednesday Lenten services begin on February 21st and the last one will be on March 20th beginning at 6 pm. CLC and Hope each have our own Wednesday services, but we will be following the same theme of "Lifted Up in Love". And CLC will have a soup supper before the regular Wednesday services at 5:30 pm.

I hope you will join us for this special Lenten time of reflection of all the Christ has done for us so we may be saved.

May God bless you throughout the Lenten season until the Easter joy comes in its fullest. In Christ's peace,

Pastor Tim



Council Corner

by Dave Brusby

On January 28 after our regular service and during the general meeting of the congregation, we will elect three new board members to serve on the church council. This past year the council has had to adjust to the loss of two members who moved out of the area. I was appointed to fill the first vacancy, while the second remains unfilled. The council will lose our current president, Jan Parrott, who has decided not to run again. She has done an outstanding job and losing her is a loss to the council and the church. You can be sure she will be consulted. It's likely her number will be on our speed dial. The third vacancy is created when the term that I filled ends.

There are three candidates running to fill the empty seats and there will be an opportunity to nominate others from the floor during the meeting. So there is still time if you're on the fence about offering your services to the leadership of the church. We all have skills, what is your gift?

The new council will be installed in February and will assume the responsibility of handling the challenges of the coming year. Some of which are continuing and others of which we are unaware. Keep them in your prayers as they guide us forward.



Outreach Committee

Their mission is to send cards to people who are ill, people who can't come to church for whatever reason and people who have not attended in a long time.

So if you know someone in these categories, let Toni Wold or the office know.





Women's Group

Women's Group Next Women's bible study is February 6th at 9:30 am. The next event will be the Anything Chocolate Fundraiser on February 10th at 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.. Once again there will be a Baked Potatoes for lunch with all the toppings and baskets to raffle off. There will also be a game played during the event with prizes. Mark your calendars. (See poster on next page for more info).

CHURCH CHOIR Notes

The choir rehearsals have resumed every Wednesday at 6 pm except during lent, they will be practicing at 7:00 pm following the Lenten services, February 21st to March 20th.

They are always looking for people to join. They will be practicing for regular church sessions and for the Easter Cantata. You are welcome to join both or either one. If interested, let Shawn Bristle know or just show up on Wednesday night. Rumor has it, they have a lot of fun. Come make a joyful noise!!







Lenten and Holy Week Services

Some services will be held jointly with Hope Methodist Church.

February 13th Shrove Tuesday February 14th Ash Wednesday February 20th to March 26th February 21st to March 20th

March 24th Palm Sunday March 28 Maundy Thursday March 29 Good Friday

March 31st Easter Sunday

5:30 pancake dinner at Hope Methodist 7:00 pm at CLC

Noon Soup & Study at Hope Methodist

5:30 pm soup supper at CLC: 6:00 pm Lenten service "

7:00 pm choir practice '

9:00 am & 11:00 am with communion at CLC

6:00 pm at Hope Methodist

Prayer vigil 12:00 noon to 7:00 pm at Hope Methodist

2:00 pm Stations of the Cross CLC

7:00 am Sunrise service at CLC

8:00 am Easter Breakfast

9:00 am & 11:00 am worship service with communion at CLC

2024 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Jan Parrott

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED

Please welcome the new council members to our Community Lutheran Church Council, David Brusby, Joann Hoffmeyer, and Peter Wold. David will fill the two year vacancy left when Jean Thompson resigned. Joann and Peter have been elected to full three year terms. They are joining continuing members Lynda Crawford, Chad Lelm and Louis Padilla.

The new members will be installed at the 9:00am church service on Sunday, February 4. The first Council Meeting will be Thursday, February 8 beginning at 5:00 pm for council organization items, continuing at 6:00pm for new business/work session with Church of the Holy Spirit.



RE: QUESTION FROM THE AUDIENCE Jan Parrott

At our meeting this past Sunday, a question was raised about a donation that had been made to the kitchen during 2023. It had not been included in the annual report and the question addressed a concern for some acknowledgement of this type of donation.

Given time to consider my response, I decided to include something at this time. The congregation has not always been made aware of donations made to the church, in part due to the wishes of the donor(s), to remain anonymous. At the same time it seems that others should be able to recognize that we all have received benefit from the generosity of someone we may or may not know. I could have included that in the President's report for 2023.

During the past year, Community Lutheran Church has been blessed by the generosity of a number of individuals who wish to remain anonymous. But their gifts are beneficial to all, and we give thanks at this time.

2023 Donations included:

New lights installed in the parking lot.

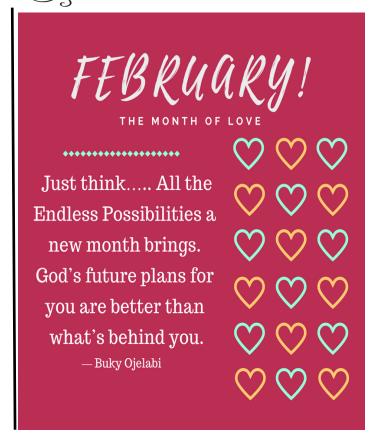
New refrigerator in the kitchen.

Costs and labor involved with updating office computers.

Removal of tree in the Columbarium.

Keyboards for church use and performances.





Valentine's Day/Ash Wednesday Mashup

Because Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday fall on the same day this year, February 14 gives us a real clash of messages!

As stewards of both our personal lives and our greater world, what can we make of a day that, on the one hand says sweetly, "I love you," and on the other hand says sternly, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return"? How should we observe a day with such disjointed messages?

Putting them together, we can come up with some interesting responses.

Ash Wednesday tells us that our lives are finite and fleeting, a truth woven throughout the Bible. Psalm 103:15 says our lives are like the grass that flourishes and then is gone. Ash Wednesday also reminds us that we are in the hands of the creator God who decreed that our earthly lives begin and end in dust.

And although our culture revels in romantic love, the Bible gives us a wider vision of love that we can aspire to: love through care and concern for the world, for creation and those around us.

Putting the two messages together, we know there is no delaying our call to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12:31) and to provide for the least among us (Matthew 25:31-46).

With wars raging in Ukraine and Gaza, refugee crises across the globe and Covid on the rise (to name just a few problems), perhaps this can be the year you can send a "Valentine" someone who needs not only love, but food, medicine, shelter and clothes. Many reputable church charities would gladly use your contribution to help the neediest.

Who are the people in your church and community who need your love and your care? How can you, both individually and congregationally, love and assist them?

The diverse messages of Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day give us a prime opportunity to grow in faith, love and discipleship –while there's time.

-Rob Blezard

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February

2024

Sunday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				2:00 pm Pastor's bible study	2	3
4 9 & 11 am Worship Service with communion Choir Super Bowl Sunday	5 Office closed	9:30 am Women's bible study 5:30 Pastor to give devotions at city council	7 6:00 pm Choir practice	2:00 pm Pastor's bible study 6:00 pm council meeting	9	Anything Chocolate fundraiser 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
9 & 11 am Worship Service with communion Choir	Office closed	5:30 Shrove Tuesday Pancake feed at Hope Methodist	6:00 pm Choir practice 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday here w/Hope Methodist Valentine's Day	2:00 pm Pastor's bible study	16	17
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

February Birthdays

3—Evelyn Karr

5—Virginia Sorby

9—David Brusby

9-Max Salem

17—Shirley Cutler

18—Adrienne Cordero

21—Joyce Rye

23—Lou Padilla





February Anniversaries

7—Tom & Jean Thompson (43)

12—Monte & Geline Ostgaard (30)

14—John & Karen Miller (14)

17—Larry & DiAnne Kaul (34)

22—Charles & Virginia Sorby (66)

<u>Mark your Calendars!</u>

Women's Bible Study:

February 6, 9:30 am

Wednesdays 6:00 pm

Choir Practice

except Feb. 21-March 20 at 7:00 pm

Pastor's Bible Study

Thursdays at 2:00 pm

Council Meeting

February 8 at 6:00 pm

Women's Group

On February 10th the women are having an "Anything Chocolate" fundraiser from 11 am to 2 pm.

Worship Committee

February 29, 9:30 am

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 7:00pm

Lenten Services: February 21 to March 20

Soup supper 5:30pm CLC

Lenten Service 6:00pm "

Choir Practice 7:00 pm "

Noon: Soup & Study at Hope Methodist





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!

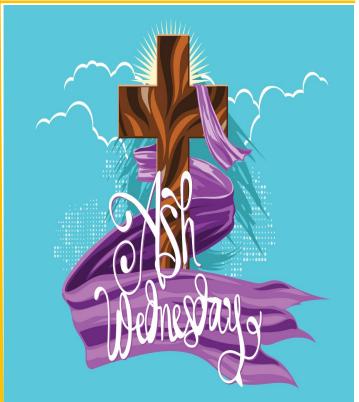


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