

Our Redeemer's Voice



Remember in your Prayers

Remember in your Prayers: Those homebound, in nursing homes, recovering and/or taking treatments, who face difficult situations or problems, those who are hurting or struggling or have lost loved ones, those serving our country both home and abroad. Prayer request cards are available on the ushers' stand. Place the completed card in the Prayer Box. Your request will be forwarded to the LCOR Prayer Chain by Alice Wuschke. Names will remain on the list for three months, unless otherwise indicated. Requests must be resubmitted to continue an additional three months. Please pray for the following:

Alison, Ben, Mary, Paul, Christopher Barton, Steve Burke, Family of Betty Dickson, Sandy Haddon, Darlene Herman, Karen Interanelli, Martha Jensky, Joan Maddison, Ken Morse, Marie Schlak, Pastor Schlak, Jim Schweitzer, Glen Smith, Ron Smith, Art Syrol, Alison Venable, Henrik Westerholm, Richard Wuschke, Ted Wuschke.



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February Birthdays

Sallie Barton
 Maryanna Biedermann
 Brayden Bowman
 Brandon Deal
 Mary Jane Foster
 Sally Haugen
 Lenny Hensas
 Danielle Hopkins
 Marcia Lajoie
 Bertha Maloof
 Ryan Marcoux
 Steve McGhehey
 Cheryl Morse

Monti Ossenfort
 Edgar Rudsit
 Gregory Rudsit
 Preston Schlak
 Pastor Schlak
 Jeff Schweitzer
 Judy Schweitzer
 Rusty Smith
 Lucien Stenehjem
 William Taft
 Caroline Vines/Cavanaugh



February Anniversaries

Lenny & Joanne Hensas

Dave & Cindy Masciarelli

Jim & Brenda Redmond

If you do not see your name listed, then your information is missing from our database. Please contact the church secretary with the information so we can update our records. We don't want to leave anyone out.



ELCA Spring Gathering—Planning Meeting

ELCA Spring Gathering...The next planning meeting for the Women of ELCA's Gathering will take place on Saturday, February 2nd. The first meeting was a huge success in October, and we want to continue preparing for the event which will be held on April 6th.

Please bring a breakfast item to share and we will have coffee and drinks. The meeting will start at 9:00 AM and will continue until around noon. Please join in the planning of this celebration! Any questions please contact Pam Dishberger at 512-496-3727 or email at dishbergerp@gmail.com

ORCCC Hosting A Workshop

ORCCC is hosting is workshop "Darkness to Light" on Tuesday, February 12th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Parents from LCOR are all welcome to join this workshop on being aware of and preventing sexual abuse. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway. There is no charge for the workshop, and it is an Adult Only workshop.

From the Pastor's Desk



One of the first things I noticed about February of 2019 is that there is no Ash Wednesday or any days of Lent in this month. The reason for this is that Easter is very late this year. The Christian calendar is similar to the Jewish calendar in that both are lunar calendars and not solar calendars. The placement of Ash Wednesday, and hence Easter, follows a complicated formula.

Suffice it to say Ash Wednesday and Easter are determined by when the spring equinox and its nearest full moon occur. This year Ash Wednesday falls on March 6. Easter will occur on April 21. Once again for our Wednesday evenings in Lent we will have representatives from different world religions come and speak to us. More about this in next month's newsletter.

The only two holidays of note in February this year are Groundhog Day (Saturday, February 2) and Valentine's Day (Thursday, February 14). I've always paid attention to Groundhog Day. Perhaps this is so because Punxatawney, PA is the home of the famous groundhog Punxatawney Phil. As an infant my mother was baptized at Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church in Punxatawney. This small church still exists.

Did you know that Valentine's Day is associated with Christianity and Roman paganism? The Roman Catholic Church acknowledges three different saints who were named Valentine or Valentinus. All three were martyred. One tradition states that Valentine was a priest who still married young people even after Emperor Claudius II outlawed marriage for young men. Another tradition states that Valentine may have been martyred for helping Christians to escape harsh Roman prisons. Still, another legend, contends that Valentine was a prisoner who fell in love with his jailor's daughter after she visited him on numerous occasions. Supposedly, this Valentine send the first Valentine's Day card when he sent the jailor's daughter a card signed "From your Valentine."

Others associate Valentine's Day with the pagan celebration of Lupercalia. Lupercalia was a pagan fertility festival and was celebrated on the Ides of February or February 15. This festival was dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, as well as to the founders of Rome, Romulus and Remus. The festival came to include romantic interaction between young men and women.

Finally, I wanted to report the results of the Bake Sale that was hosted by our Confirmation Class to help offset expenses associated with our New York City field trip on Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6. A total of \$700 was raised. Thank you for your generous support!

God Bless,
Pr. Rick Schlak

February 2019 Server Schedule

							
Altar Guild	Eucharistic Minister	Ushers	Lay Reader	Acolytes	Greeters	Projectionist	Tellers

February 3, 2019

8:30 AM	Judy Schweitzer	Shane Stenehjem	Peter Geromini Need 2nd Usher	Judy Schweitzer	Eden Dumas	Karen Geromini	Lucien Stenehjem	X
11:00 AM	Shirley Morris	Susan Kennedy	Need Ushers	Ed Morris	Dylan Fairchild	Shirley Blake	X	Ed & Shirley Morris

February 10, 2019

8:30 AM	Marion Wuschke	Brenda Glover	Don & Linda DeVore	Brenda Glover	Mackenzie Burton	Lenny & Joanne Hensas	Katelynn Dineen	X
11:00 AM	Mary Jane Foster	Sallie Barton	Pete D'Amico	Sallie Barton	Annika Yanoshak	Loni Ivanovskis	X	Bill Behling

February 17, 2019

8:30 AM	Karen DiCanzio	Rich Behlmer	Matt Vekasy Need 2nd Usher	Linda McCoy	Reilley Slaney	Linda McCoy	Andrew Slaney	X
11:00 AM	Carol Boette	Alice Wuschke	Bob & Carol Boette	Alice Wuschke	Need Acolyte	Gary & Pam Dishberger	X	Bob Boette

February 24, 2019

8:30 AM	Judy Schweitzer	Jon Pierce	Rich Behlmer Need 2nd Usher	Jon Pierce	Katelynn Dineen	Paul Burns	Matt Barros	X
11:00 AM	Ute Taylor	Alice Wuschke	Shirley Blake	Alice Wuschke	Need Acolyte	Ute Taylor	X	Dan & Sandy Kronenwetter

If you are unable to serve our parish on your assigned date or time, you need to seek a replacement from the current volunteer listing. If you should notice **"NEED"** and find YOU can serve in that slot, please DO! Schedule updated weekly on bulletin board and on www.lcor.org

You can find updated Server Schedules as well as the monthly calendar on the church's website at www.LCOR.ORG—The Calendar and Server Schedule are updated on regular basis.

February

2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon ELCA Spring Gathering Planning Meeting
3 8:30 AM Cont. Worship 9:45 AM Christian Ed. 11:00 AM Trad. Worship 7:00 PM Band Rehearsal	4	5 7:15 PM Finance	6	7	8	9
10 8:30 AM Cont. Worship 9:45 AM Christian Ed. 11:00 AM Trad. Worship 7:00 PM Band Rehearsal	11	12 6:00 – 8:00 PM ORCCC Workshop "Darkness Into Light" – Sexual Abuse Prevention - Parents/Staff/Members of LCOR 7:00 PM Council	13	14	15 VALENTINE'S DAY	16 Deadline March Newsletter Submissions
17 8:30 AM Cont. Worship No Sunday School 11:00 AM Trad. Worship 7:00 PM Band Rehearsal	18 Church Office Closed President's Day	19	20	21	22	23
24 8:30 AM Cont. Worship 9:45 AM Christian Ed. 11:00 AM Trad. Worship 7:00 PM Band Rehearsal	25	26	27	28		

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Altar Flowers

If you'd like to put flowers on the altar, simply sign up on the large flower chart on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the education wing.

They may be given in honor of someone, in memory of someone, an event (anniversary birthday etc.), or simply to the glory of God! If the flowers are being given in honor or memory of someone, please write that on the flower chart. **If no reason is stated on the chart then flowers will be given to the "Glory of God."**

You must sign up a minimum of 7 days in advance. Flower arrangements are **\$35 each**. Please place your payment in the offering plate and be sure you designate the payment as "altar flowers."

These flowers belong to you, after the flowers adorn the altar area for both services, please take your flowers home.



E-mail

If you are interested in receiving the newsletter by e-mail rather than the regular mail, please sign up on the E-Mail signup sheet on the bulletin board, or leave a note on the secretary's desk (providing your name and e-mail address). You can also send an e-mail to Office@LCOR.org with your request to be added.

Each month the e-mail version of the newsletter will be e-mailed out generally 3 days prior to when the printed copy comes out. The e-mail version is in color. You can print out only what you want printed. The format of the e-mail bulletin is normal sized paper.

For those of you concerned with computer viruses, the church computer is updated and checked weekly and all e-mail addresses are kept confidential. The e-mail bulletin is sent out to all as a blind copy so if it is forwarded the only email address that is seen is the church's.