

Faith

ASH WEDNESDAY

Behold, now is a very acceptable time;
behold, now is the day of salvation
2 Corinthians 6:2

Faith Lutheran Church

February 2021

"The Best, the Worst, and the Most Likely"

Paul writes in Philippians 4:6 *"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."*

I wonder if Paul was a worrier. Certainly his life was filled with anxious moments, but did he often react in fear. At the time he wrote his letter to Christians in Philippi he was a prisoner in Rome. How obviously courageous he was as he writes a comforting letter to others while he is imprisoned in Rome.

"Do not worry about anything ..." Does Paul mean this literally? Well, yes he does, but I believe he is just like the rest of us. He has his anxious moments, too. How then can he write *"not worry about anything?"*

I remember some great advice given to me by a Counselor and Pastor. He said, "When you are anxious about something yet to happen, do this. Think of the worst possible outcome. Then think of the best possible outcome. And, finally, think of what is most likely to happen." This kind of thinking helps to put things into perspective, especially when our anxiety insists we should anticipate the worst.

We might be able to rationalize our anxious thoughts, but what is even more important is to remember we are children of our Heavenly Father. Sitting daily on the lap of God, we have nothing to fear. Nothing can overtake us! As children of our Heavenly Father every difficulty presents the possibility of becoming a better person. Let us never forget our Heavenly Father loves and protects us and will walk with us through every storm.

The second verse of the hymn "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" ELW 775, reads

In thine arm I rest me; foes who would molest me
Cannot reach me here. Though the earth be shaking,
ev'ry heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash and thunders crash;
yet though sin and hell assail me, Jesus will not fail me.

"Don't worry about anything." Can Paul be serious? Yes, very serious, but Paul knows that he is a child of our Heavenly Father who loves and protects us and will walk with us through every storm.

Together in Christ,
Pr. Ron Nichols

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February

BIRTHDAYS

Notes from Linda

The Joyful Noise Singers/Ringers will be learning the names of their Lenten Partners in a couple of weeks. This event takes place during the six weeks of Lent. Each choir member is partnered with a congregation member. We begin February 17 and conclude with a Lenten Partner Party on the Wednesday before Easter.

If you are interested in being a partner to one of the choir members, please contact me. Some very good friendships have been developed through Lenten Partners.

We are so fortunate to have our song leaders leading the music during this Covid time. These people have added so much to our recorded services—

Angie Young, Julie Hill, Kelly Zharbock, Darcy Daline, and Gary Boraas.

Thank you for your commitment to Faith!



Worship Committee News by Gail Smith

Sunday Worship Services are back in-person at 9 a.m. The cushions have been placed back in the pews. Communion will be offered each Sunday and we ask that you please DO NOT sit in the pews that are marked. Masks are required.

The 2021 list of Altar Guild and Flower Volunteers are out. Please check your church mailboxes for your list.

Ash Wednesday Service will be February 17th at 7 pm. We will be using the Holden Evening Prayer Service. Lenten Services will be on Wednesday nights at 7p.m also.

We plan on selling Easter flowers again this year. Please watch for more information on this later.

Thank you to our "Club 47" for taking down the outdoor nativity scene.

Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.



FEBRUARY

WORSHIP

ASSISTANTS

Acolyte

7- Blake & Matthew & Macy

14 - Kylee & Tygan

17- Confirmation kids

21 - Drew & Tyler

24- Confirmation kids

28 - Sadie & Kya

Lay Reader

7- Jerome Kallhoff

14 - Contemporary

17- Confirmation kids

21 - Paul Lowry

24- Confirmation kids

28 - Derek Halvorson

Ushers

7- Team 6

14 - Team 5

17- Confirmation kids

21 - Team 4

24- Confirmation kids

28 - Team 3

Screen

7- Derek H.

14- Jeanene M.

17- Confirmation kid/Jessica

21- Lorrie E.

24- Confirmation kid/Jessica

28-

Videographer

7- Dave

14 - Dan W.

17- Confirmation kid/helper

21 - Jeff

24- Confirmation kid/helper

28 - Dan L.

Communion

7- Jodi K., Pam G., Kathy H.

14 - Angie A., Bob G., Deb M.

17- Confirmation kids

21 - Bev H., Arlette J., Stan O.

24- Confirmation kids

28 - Bart H., Julie H., Tammy W.

W-ELCA NEWS

It seems that those of us who stay for winter on the plains, sometimes need help coping with the weather. Of course, it seems that we can get help by looking around at the sales pitches.

Valentine's Day comes in February and brings red hearts to warm our spirits as we cozy up to the brightness and appropriate loving thoughts.

Brothers and sisters, keep rejoicing and repair whatever is broken. Encourage each other, think as one, live in peace; and God, the Author of love and peace, will remain with you. 2 Corinthians 13:11

There is no room in love for fear. Well-formed love banishes fear. Some fear is crippling, a fearful life-fear of death, fear of judgment-is one not yet fully formed in love. 1 John 4:11

Speaking the truth with love, we will grow up in every way into Christ, who is the head. Ephesians 4:16

We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in God, and God abides in him. 1 John 4:16

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is Love. 1 John 4:8

Take time to enjoy the little things!

Seeking applicants for Coordinator of Education and youth activities within the church. Salary Position. Deep love of children, computer skills, and leadership skills with children and adult volunteers preferred. Please contact Faith Lutheran Church office for job description and to leave resume. 320-598-3630

Good News from Global

Global Missions committee reminds us that Faith Lutheran's annual OPERATION STARFISH will kick off on Ash Wednesday - February 17 and run through Easter Sunday, April 4. We will attempt to raise nearly \$4,000 to build a home for a most deserving family through Food for the Poor. The home will most likely be built in the poorest of poor country Haiti as the need is usually the greatest here. Please check out the wall across the hall from Pastor's office to see all of the beautiful faces of the families standing near their homes built through Food for the Poor with donations raised by Faith! In 2020, we built a home for the Theleran Family of Treille, Artibonite, Haiti. How can you make your donation? An envelope with your donation, marked for Operation Starfish or a check made out to Faith Lutheran with Operation Starfish on the memo line and bring these to the church office or place in the offering plate on Sunday. We will try to have some collection boxes outside of the church office that you can fill with your donations also. All gifts must be in on Easter Sunday.

"As often as you did it to one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to Me."
Matthew 25:40. Please open your hearts and give.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Our church is equipped with an AED (automatic electronic defibrillator). This is the red box hanging on the east wall in the Narthex. If there were ever an emergency in church, we can all work together and someone can grab this box and bring to the emergency as it is very user friendly and we can do it together if ever needed. It is the same AED found in gymnasiums, shopping malls, etc.



Thank you! We appreciate your continued gracious giving.
Tithes and offerings can be mailed, made online at www.faithlutheranmadison.org
or PayPal (to faithluthsecretary@gmail.com)

⚡ LITTLE BLESSINGS ⚡
CHILI
FEED FUNDRAISER

02.05.21 **DELIVERY & TAKE-OUT ONLY** 11:00-1:00

Madison VFW 598-7498

Please call in delivery orders by 11:00!



Hot Muffins

are back in session...

Wednesday mornings at 9am
in the Fellowship Hall.

POSTPONED UNTIL
NEXT YEAR

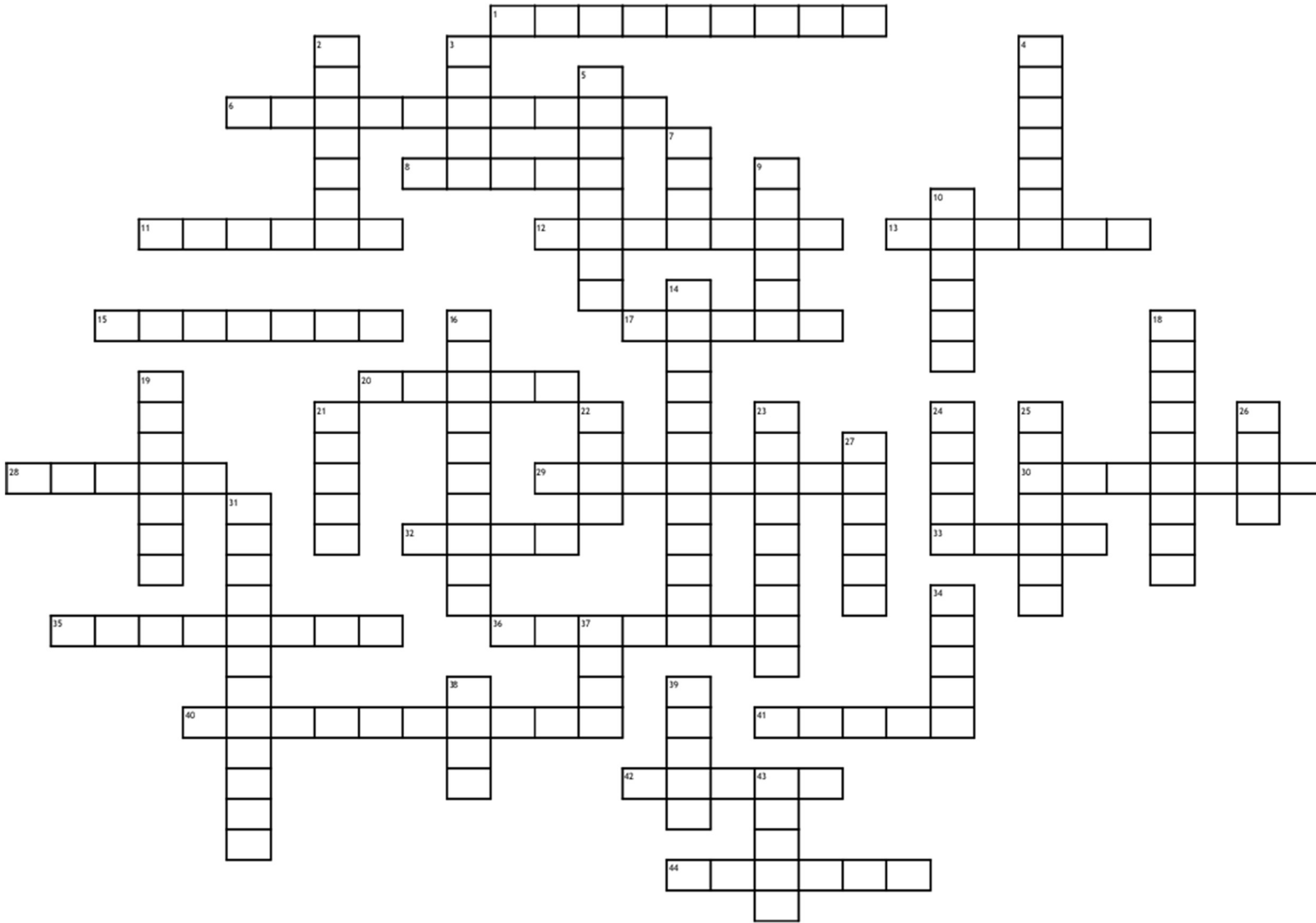


Lent Begins Ash Wednesday

Thank you to all the musicians and the tech crew who have been assisting in the taping of our services.

You are appreciated!

Lenten Season



Across

1. "Restore unto me the joy of Thy _____, and up hold with Thy free spirit."
6. "and lead us not into _____, but deliver us from evil."
8. "Lord have _____, Christ have _____, Lord have _____." (one word)
11. On this Night Jesus instituted "a memorial" of his Passion in the Lord's Supper. _____ Thursday.
12. The word Septuagesima means _____ days before Easter.
13. "I, a poor, miserable _____,"
15. What is often practiced by individuals during the Lenten Season?
17. "Create in me a clean _____ O God,"
20. The color representing Good Friday is?
28. The Triduum consists of _____ days.
29. What word is not said during the Lenten season
30. "I said, I will _____ my transgressions unto the Lord.
32. The Day of Christ's Crucifixion. _____ Friday
33. "I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of _____,"
35. "He _____ and was buried."
36. Traditionally we leave Good Friday service in _____.
40. Lent is the season of _____
41. How many days are observed in Lent (not including Sundays)
42. The word Quinquagesima means _____ days before Easter.
44. The word Lent means?


Down

2. New _____ that I give to you.
3. Pre-Lent focuses on this theme. (hint: free gift)
4. Palm Sunday is also known as Sunday of the _____.
5. What comes after Lent? (2 words no space)
7. How many Sundays are "in" Lent but not "of" it.
9. "I believe in on God, the _____ Almighty, maker of heaven and earth"
10. What is the "color" of the Lent season?
14. Easter is the day acknowledging Christ's _____.
16. "Sola Gratia" translated in english means? (2 words no space)
18. "and the lifting up of my hands as the evening _____!"
19. "So Jonah arose and went to _____, according to the word of the Lord."
21. "_____ be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
22. Holy Week begins with _____ Sunday
23. "and was _____ also for us under Pontius Pilate."
24. What is drawn on your forehead by Pastor on Ash Wednesday?
25. "Let my prayer be counted as _____ before you,"
26. "Remember: You are _____ and to _____ you shall return" (one word)
27. Lent is "a time to reflect upon baptism, a time for rebirth and renewal in preparation for the celebration of _____."
31. What is the first day of Lent? (2 words no space)
34. The word Sexagesima means _____ days before Easter.
37. _____ one another as I have _____(ed) you. (one word)
38. Ashes come from _____(s) that were blessed on _____ Sunday the year before. (one word)
39. The day before Easter is called Easter _____.
43. "And the _____ day He rose again according to the Scriptures"

Statement of Activities

January 31, 2021

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income				
GENERAL OFFERINGS Totals:	13,441.04	25,271.69	13,441.04	25,271.69
MISC. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL IMPROVE. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF LAY MIN/EVAN Totals:	1,663.24	1,250.00	1,663.24	1,250.00
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	50.00	233.26	50.00	233.26
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	120.00	0.00	120.00	0.00
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	10.00	0.00	10.00	0.00
INTEREST Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CD Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BEQUESTS Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Income Totals:	15,284.28	26,754.95	15,284.28	26,754.95
Expense				
BD OF LAY MIN/EVAN Totals:	10,907.91	17,746.08	10,907.91	17,746.08
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	753.80	827.01	753.80	827.01
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	9.35	925.50	9.35	925.50
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	26.30	172.99	26.30	172.99
BD OF YOUTH Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	5,229.53	5,558.15	5,229.53	5,558.15
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Totals:	0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00
Expense Totals:	16,926.89	26,754.73	16,926.89	26,754.73
Income - Expense:	(1,642.61)	0.22	(1,642.61)	0.22

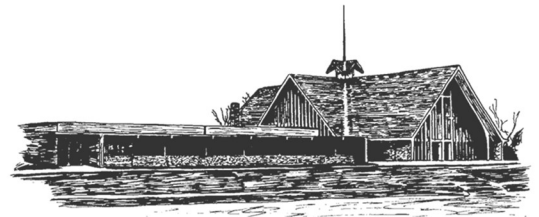
Sun	Mon 1	Tue 2	Wed 3	Thu 4	Fri 5	Sat 6
			9am Hot Muffins 3:30-5pm Confirmation Class at Church 3:30 Joyful Noise Choirs 6pm Bells		11am-1pm Chili Feed @ VFW - Fundraiser for Little Blessings	
7 9am Worship In-Person	8	9 9:30am Ruth Circle	10 9am Hot Muffins 9:30 Lydia/Hannah Circle 3:30 Worship Committee 6pm Bells	11 8:30am Do Day	12	13
14 9am Worship In-Person	15	16	17 <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i> 9am Hot Muffins 3:30-5pm Confirmation Class at Church 3:30 Joyful Noise Choirs 6pm Bells 7pm Lenten Worship 8pm Council Mtg.	18	19	20
21 9am Worship In-Person	22 	23	24 9am Hot Muffins 3:30 Joyful Noise Choirs 6pm Bells 7pm Lenten Worship	25 8:30am Do Day	26	27
28 9am Worship In-Person						

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