

Spirit Alive!

February 2020

Ash Wednesday



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

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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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From the Desk of Pastor Roald

Ash Wednesday

(A service of Penance & Forgiveness-Holy Communion-An Imposition of Ashes)

THE CHURCH LENTEN SEASON BIGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY-FEBRUARY 26.

ST. JOHN'S WILL OBSERVE ASH WEDNESDAY WITH **TWO** WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES **12:15 AND 6P.M.** WE WILL USE A SPECIAL LITURGY FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS—PARTAKE OF HOLY COMMUNION—AND USE ASHES (FOR THOSE WHO WISH).

ON ASH WEDNESDAY WE BEGIN OUR FORTY-DAY JOURNEY TOWARD EASTER. WE MARK OUR FOREHEADS WITH ASHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE WE ARE "DUST AND TO DUST WE SHALL RETURN." THE LIFE-GIVING CROSS MARKED BY THE ASHES SERVES TO REMIND US OF JESUS' DEATH ON THE CROSS AND HIS LIFE GIVING RESURRECTION FROM THE TOMB.

WHILE WE JOURNEY THROUGH LENT WE HAVE ALREADY BEEN RECONCILED TO GOD THROUGH CHRIST AND WE REJOICE THAT "NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION."

LET US COME TOGETHER IN WORSHIP ON ASH WEDNESDAY AND THROUGHOUT LENT AND MAKE THE CONNECTION IN OUR WALK OF FAITH BETWEEN THE MANGER OF BETHLEHEM-THE CROSS OF GOOD FRIDAY*AND THE VICTORY OF EASTER'S EMPTY TOMB. AND REMEMBER "HE IS NOT HERE, BUT HAS RISEN."

LENTEN BLESSINGS TO ALL-PASTOR HARSWICK

President's Message

Hello all!

My name is Kelly Trebus and I will be serving as the Council President for the next year. I'm excited to be able to work with our congregation in this new role. This is my third year serving on Council. In the prior two years I acted as Council Secretary. I have been a member of St. John's since birth being baptized, confirmed and married here, under my maiden name of Krueger. Over the years I have also taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and Children's Choir, served as a cantor, soloist, reader & worship leader as well as an Altar Guild member. I also enjoy working church events when I can.

We have a great group of Council members that will be serving you as well. Rounding out our Executive Council is Tom Pamperin as Vice President and Liz Fischer as Secretary. Council also includes Shirl Tischauser, Carol Polzin, Curly Krueger, Mary Hoppe, Wanda Tucker, Nancy Helms and Sue Conradt. This is a great group and we are looking forward to continuing to move St. John's in a positive direction.

We are blessed to have such a wonderful community and congregation and I'm excited to see what the next year brings.

Blessings!

Kelly

news & announcements

CLOSINGS

In the event of bad weather church closings are announced on WBAY Channel 2, WFRV Channel 5, WLUK Channel 11, Facebook, the church website or you call the church office. To receive mobile notifications of church closings sign up to the free Remind app through your smartphone app store.

COFFEE HOUR

You are invited after worship on Sunday for Coffee Hour in the Great Room and Parish Hall. Anyone interested in helping with coffee hour, please contact Shirl Tischauser.

"HERE I AM" DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Are you feeling the nudge of the Spirit to explore a vocation as a leader in the church? Are others telling you that you should think about ministry as a pastor or deacon? Consider attending the East Central Synod of Wisconsin Discernment retreat Feb. 28 - 29 at the St. Anthony Retreat Center in Marathon. Hear about others call to ministry and engage in conversation about your own discernment. For more information go to:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07egv7ofyb94c5a22f&oseq=&c=&ch=>

LOST & FOUND

The lost and found box in the *Great Room* has many items in it. Please take a look and see if any items are yours.

MAMA'S HOUSE OF HOPE

Clothes Closet Resale Store is located inside of MAMA's House of Hope. The store is open Wednesday thru Friday from 10a.m. to 5p.m. and on Saturday at 9a.m. –12p.m. Gently used items are accepted for resale.

MOVERS & PAINTERS

The church is looking for volunteers to move items and paint on February 3rd through the 5th. If you are willing to help, please contact Shirl Tischauser at (715) 250-3204.

PACKING BACKPACKS

In February, St. John's packs backpacks at the Food Pantry at 10a.m. every Friday. Three people are needed to pack each week. Food Pantry needs for this month are Peanut Butter, Tuna, and Soup. If you are looking to help out with the Food Pantry or have donations, please call Pat Leach at (715) 754-2665.

SAVE THE DATE

The church will be running the concessions at the Carley Auction on July 18th. Please keep this in mind when planning your schedules as volunteers will be needed.

UPDATES

Have you had a recent change in address? Do you have a new phone number or email? If so please stop in the office so we can update our records.

Worship Volunteers



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Key</p> <p>R: Reader WL: Worship Leader</p>						<p>1</p> <p>5p.m. R: Sharon Piastowski WL: Pat Mielke</p>
<p>2</p> <p>8a.m. R: Sandy Schuelke WL: Kelly Trebus 10:30a.m. R: Ward Maueg WL: Ward Maueg</p>	3	4	5	6	7	<p>8</p> <p>5p.m. R: Carrie LeNoble WL: Bill Mengert</p>
<p>9</p> <p>8a.m. R: Charlene Kersten WL: Shane/Amy Bazile 10:30a.m. R: Michelle Sasse WL: Ray Mielke</p>	10	11	12	13	14	<p>15</p> <p>5p.m. R: Pat Mielke WL: Pat Mielke</p>
<p>16</p> <p>8a.m. R: Kelly Trebus WL: Jackie Miller 10:30a.m. R: Annie Graves WL: Kay Tellock</p>	17	18	19	20	21	<p>22</p> <p>5p.m. R: Bill Mengert WL: Deb Mielke</p>
<p>23</p> <p>8a.m. R: Karen Schultz WL: Sharon Piastowski 10:30a.m. R: Tiffany Krueger WL: Linda Mielke</p>	24	25	<p>26</p> <p>12:15p.m. & 6p.m. R: WL: Amy Bazile</p>	27	28	<p>29</p> <p>5p.m. R: Ron Krueger WL: Pat Mielke</p>

St. John's

Finance

Report

Month end: December 2019
Year to Date

General Fund:

Receipts.....\$200,369
Expenses.....162,829

Benevolence

Receipts.....\$12,090
Expenses.....\$12,597

Financial Condition

Balances as of Month End

General Fund.....\$31,653
Building.....\$17,452
Benevolence.....-
Special Funds.....\$121,595
Total.....\$175,942

Current Loan Balances Due

Line of Credit.....\$ -
Endowment.....98,636
Student Fund.....3,738
Sanctuary Remodel.....186,560
Total Debt\$288,934

Loan Payments

Endowment.....\$1,703
Student.....489
Sanctuary.....5,000
Required Payments.....\$7,192.59

Welcome

Part-time Maintenance Worker:

Tom Kraeger

We are very pleased to welcome Tom Kraeger to the St. John's staff. Tom was hired to help out with small projects and needs of the Church.

Tom resides in Caroline, Wis. Tom has several years of experience in maintenance and will be a great asset to St. John's.

Be sure to introduce yourself to Tom and welcome him to St. John's!

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Lenten Soup Sandwich Supper

On Ash Wednesday-February 26-beginning at 4:30p.m. A soup and sandwich supper will be served/hosted by the Fellowship Action Team. Cost?: Free will offering.

This is the only Lenten supper scheduled, as of now. However, any group, organization, Action Team, group of individuals, etc. is invited to host other suppers on a cost and/or free will basis. (Fundraiser Possibility?)

The beginning Lenten Wednesdays will be March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1 (no fooling).

For more information, please contact Shirl Tischauser at (715) 250-3204.

Special During Lent

Saturday and Sunday Worship Services will be using a special Lenten Liturgy: "Remember The Dust"

After Ash Wednesday, our Wednesday Lenten Services (Services only at 6p.m.) will use a series of Lenten sketches "The People vs. Judas Iscariot." You are needed to play different roles in this Lenten drama. The dates and characters are listed below. Please contact Linda Mielke at (715) 851-5337 to indicate "who and when" you will volunteer for.

You will be using a script and no memorization is necessary. The Wednesdays are March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1 (no fooling).

THE PEOPLE VS JUDAS ISCARIOT-THE PUNISHMENT PHASE ST. JOHN'S, MARION LUTHERAN CHURCH-LENTEN MIDWEEK 2020

The following is a listing of 'characters' needed for our Wednesday Lenten Services.

For each Wednesday the list of characters includes:

- ♦ Bailiff
- ♦ Judge I.M. Pilate
- ♦ Attorney Justice
- ♦ Attorney Grace

Additional characters for each Wednesday are listed below.

Wednesday-March 4-Nothing is Hidden From God

- * John

Wednesday-March 11-All Have Sinned-All Need Forgiveness

- * Mary Magdalene
- * Unnamed Women
- * Judas

Wednesday-March 18-When Others Tried To Save Themselves

- * Peter
- * Young Boy
- * Mary

Wednesday-March 25-In Bondage to Sin: We Cannot Face Ourselves

- * Friend of Judas
- * Chief Priest
- * Peter (Recalled as witness)

Wednesday-April 1 (No Fooling)-Who Will Save Us?

- * Paul
- * "Death"

A verdict ballot will be handed out to worshippers on April 1 with the decision to be announced on Palm Sunday, April 5.



Youth News

The QUAKE event will be March 27th-29th, 2020 in Wisconsin Dells at the Wilderness Territory Resort. Any youth interested in attending should sign up on the bulletin board outside of the office with the final sign up date being February 12th costing \$125. Your deposit should be inserted in the dropbox.

Adult volunteers for the event are needed.

For any questions, please contact Liz Fischer at (920) 250-2820.

Details of the event can be found at <https://quakeevent.com/events/wisdells-mar-2/>.

In Case You Haven't Heard



The Church Council has voted to extend (with Pastor's agreement) Pastor Roald Harswick's contract as Interim Pastor through January 2021. He says, "Thanks for the Confidence in Him."

Meanwhile the Call Committee will continue the process for a permanent Pastor. Should there be responses to St. John's search, the Call Committee will meet and interview applying candidates then...

Lenten Breakfast

The 2020 Community Lenten Breakfast starts on Thursday, February 27th at 8a.m. St. John's Lutheran Church in Marion will be hosting the breakfast which is put on by men in the community. The speaker will be Pastor Roald Harswick. The menu is pancakes, pork links, cheese, apple sauce, milk, orange juice and coffee. This breakfast will continue in March and the first week in April. Each week there will be a different speaker and menu. Everyone is welcome to attend!

2020 Church Council

President: Kelly Trebus

Vice President: Tom Pamperin

Secretary: Liz Fischer

Shirl Tischauser

Carol Polzin

Curly Krueger

Nancy Helms

Mary Hoppe

Wanda Tucker

Sue Conradt



2020 Endowment Committee

Pat Mielke

Jim Jueds

Terri Mykisen

Joan Krohn

Weekly Prayers

For the Sick and Hospitalized :

Prayers of healing for those who are sick and/or hospitalized:

Darrell Anderson	Tami Osman
Edna Arndt	Alice Passehl
Brian Genskow	Karen Reeck
Chris Greiten	Evelyn Rieckman
Keith Haufe	Jim Schwan
John Knitt	Gary Schuelke
Dave Krueger	Deloris Seefeldt
Hayden Krueger	Peggy Strelow
Kathy Krueger	Angela Traubel
Sharon (Krueger) Stott	Jamie Thomack
Corrine Kroening	Mitch Tischauser
Ken Lodewegen	Paidon Waldstrom



For those in Nursing Homes & Assisted Living:

Aster Assisted Living:
Edna Arndt & Ray Arndt
Care Partners:
Jeanette Hauser
Kindred Hearts:
Carol Halaka
Joyce Kopitzke
The Pines (f/k/a Pine Manor):
Doris Aderman
King Veteran's Home:
Cy Gruenstern

For Comfort In Time of Sorrow:

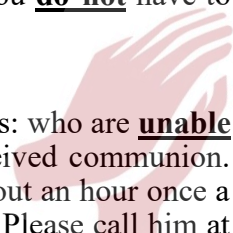
Homebound



If you are "homebound" and unable to attend Worship services we are willing to provide Holy Communion for you in your home/residence/care facility. To do this we need you, or a family member/friend to contact the church office at (715) 754-5201 and let us know. If you already are receiving communion you do not have to contact us.

Be the Hands of Christ

You are invited to "Be the Hands of Christ" by sharing Holy Communion with those "shut-ins: who are unable to be at worship. Currently there are 18-20 individuals on our list of those wishing to received communion. Four of our members are serving as lay distributors of Holy Communion. Each visit takes about an hour once a month. Pastor Harswick will meet with you and share information about how of doing these. Please call him at (715) 754-5201 and let him know you are willing to be the Hands of Christ.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Please note we will be including a calendar in each newsletter. If you have an activity or event you want listed on this calendar please contact the office by the second Monday of each month.				
						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8a.m. Heritage 9:15a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Come Alive! Installation of Council	9a.m. Gentle Flow Yoga 6p.m. Worship & Music 7p.m. Dart-ball at Moose Lodge		10a.m. Clothes Closet 12:30p.m. Quilting Time 3p.m. Camelot Worship 6p.m. Confirmation	10a.m. Clothes Closet 3p.m. Food Pantry Distribution 5:30p.m. Vinyasa 2 Yoga Class	10a.m. Clothes Closet 10a.m. Pack Backpacks at Food Pantry	9am Clothes Closet 5p.m. Song & Scripture Worship Installation of Council Black History Month
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8a.m. Heritage 9:15a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Come Alive!	9a.m. Gentle Flow Yoga 6p.m. Finance Meeting Newsletter/Calendar Information for the following month due to church office		10a.m. Clothes Closet 12:30p.m. Quilting Time 6p.m. Confirmation	10a.m. Clothes Closet 5:30p.m. Vinyasa 2 Yoga Class	10a.m. Clothes Closet 10a.m. Pack Backpacks at Food Pantry Valentine's Day	9am Clothes Closet 5p.m. Song & Scripture Worship
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8a.m. Heritage 9:15a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Come Alive!	9a.m. Gentle Flow Yoga 7p.m. Dart-ball at Split Rock Presidents Day		10a.m. Clothes Closet 12:30p.m. Quilting Time 1:30p.m. Martha Circle Bible Study 6p.m. Confirmation	10a.m. Clothes Closet 3p.m. Food Pantry Distribution 5:30p.m. Vinyasa 2 Yoga Class	10a.m. Clothes Closet 10a.m. Pack Backpacks at Food Pantry	9am Clothes Closet 5p.m. Song & Scripture Worship
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
8a.m. Heritage 9:15a.m. Sunday School 10:30 Come Alive! Transfiguration Day	9a.m. Gentle Flow Yoga 7p.m. Host Dart- ball for Pella	5:30p.m. Council Meeting	10a.m. Clothes Closet 12:15p.m. Holy Communion Imposition of Ashes 12:30p.m. Quilting Time 4:30p.m. Lenten Supper 6p.m. Holy Communion Imposition of Ashes Ash Wednesday	8a.m. Lenten Breakfast 10a.m. Clothes Closet 5:30p.m. Vinyasa 2 Yoga Class	10a.m. Clothes Closet 10a.m. Pack Backpacks at Food Pantry	9am Clothes Closet 5p.m. Song & Scripture Worship

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