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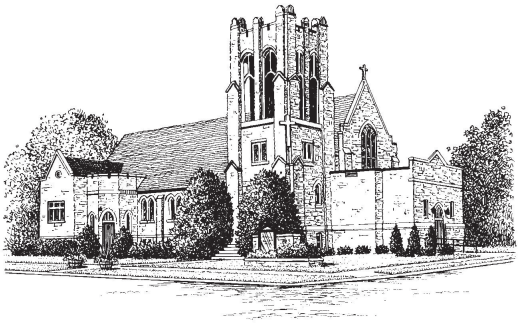

ST. PETER'S NET FEBRUARY 2015

As February begins, we look toward celebration of Ash Wednesday. If you look in the scriptures, you will note that you don't find any mention of "Ash Wednesday"; so why do we celebrate it?

Ash Wednesday is 40 days prior to Easter, not counting the Sundays. Because Easter is not a fixed day on the calendar, Ash Wednesday can move on the calendar also. Ash Wednesday can be celebrated on any Wednesday between February 4 and March 10.



Ash Wednesday is a day on which we come to church and receive ashes in the shape of a cross, marked on our forehead. It was originally call *dies cinerum* (day of the ashes) in Latin. The earliest writings on this special day are from the Anglo-Saxon Abbot Aelfric (955-1020AD). In his book *The Lives of the Saints* he wrote, "We read in the books both in the Old Law and in the New that the men who repented of their sins bestrewed themselves with ashes and clothed their bodies with sackcloth. Now let us do this little at the beginning of our Lent that we strew ashes upon our heads to signify that we ought to repent of our sins during the Lenten fast." We continue this ancient tradition of repentance started in the Old Testament.

What Aelfric is suggesting is that the putting on of ashes is an outer manifestation of our inward repentance. In the Book of Job, it is recorded for us when Job says after being rebuked by God, "Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes". As we read in Jonah, the king of Nineveh, "rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust". (The Hebrew word (אפרefar) can mean dust or ashes). The point of the ashes is that we remember our sin. We know that we are to everyday remember our baptism and know our sins are forgiven; but this is a time to reflect on our sinful nature. It is because we are sinners that Christ had to be put on the cross.

Since we are Christians saved by the grace of our Lord Jesus, it is not a requirement that we receive the ashes. The impositions of ashes on our foreheads are not a work we have to do in order to be saved. It is however an excellent time for repentance and spiritual renewal within the framework of confession and absolution. The true joy is found in the fact that Ash Wednesday is in preparation of Easter. Easter is the day we celebrate Jesus' triumphantly rising from the dead. Because he lives, since our faith is in Him and Him alone, we will live also.

In His Service,
Vicar Mark Hartsough
Matthew 16:15

Music Ministry



From the Cantor's office and balcony

This month, we take a look at a Transfiguration hymn that's been around for a few years. It is "Alleluia, Song of Gladness." To refresh, Transfiguration, which falls on February 15 this year, is the celebration of Jesus going up on a high mountain with Peter, James, and John. While there, his heavenly glory shines brighter than the sun, and his clothing becomes dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appear and are speaking with him as well.

Traditionally, here in the western church, Transfiguration is celebrated as the last Sunday in the Epiphany season before we turn to Lent. It is also the day where we say "good-bye" to the word "Alleluia" and await its return on Easter. This hymn is written for that good-bye and is used as the closing hymn on Transfiguration. We do not know the author of this hymn, but we do know that it was written sometime around the 11th century in Latin. The version we sing in LSB was generally translated by John Mason Neale, and edited for our hymnal.

Neale was born in London, England in 1818. He studied to become a priest, being ordained in the Anglican church in 1842, but was never healthy enough for the job. As a result, he spent much time learning about theology, antiquated church architecture, and, most importantly to us, the translation of many medieval hymn texts. In LSB, we base our texts on 22 of his estimated 400+ hymn contributions. Some of the more famous translations we use: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel", "Of the Father's Love Begotten", "All Glory Laud and Honor", and "Jerusalem, the Golden." He succumbed to his ailment in August 1866.



The tune for this hymn has been paired with LAUDA ANIMA, written by another Anglican, John Goss, in 1869. The tune was written for the hymn "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" but pairs wonderfully with this hymn as well. *Lauda Anima* translates from Latin to English as "Praise, My Soul." John Goss was born in Fareham, England, which is about five miles north of the English Channel in the center of the southern border. He was an opera singer in his early years, but soon turned to church music. He served as organist at St. Paul's Cathedral in London from 1838 until retiring. He was knighted by Queen Victoria upon his retirement in February, 1872 and died in 1880 in London. He composed many choral works, wrote a few hymns, and is considered to be the last of his time to focus on writing for the church.



Stanza 1 of our hymn expresses the joys that the word "Alleluia" encompasses. *Alleluia* means "Praise Yahweh". We sing in the second line, "Alleluia is the anthem Ever raised by choirs on high." Eternally, all choirs will forever praise God!

Stanza 2 starts off in the eternal bliss of our praises, but brings us back to our life as redeemed sinners on earth. It closes with the line, "But by Babylon's sad waters Mourning exiles now are we." Recalling Israel's exile into Babylon, we, too, are not of this world, merely passing through. We certainly look forward to the day when our sorrows are no more.

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Stanza 3 reads: "Alleluia cannot always Be our song while here below; Alleluia, our transgressions Make us for a while forgo; For the solemn time is coming When our tears for sin must flow." Lent is a time of repentance. We know we're sinners. We can't rid ourselves of our sin. We like to think we can, but it doesn't do us any good. We can only dig deeper and deeper holes for ourselves. But we know Lent is now the end of the story. Easter is just over the horizon.

Stanza 4: "Grant us…At the last to keep Thine Easter With Thy faithful saints on high." We know we're not alone. We are not the first to tread here on earth. Many have gone before, including Jesus, our Savior. So, while we symbolically put *Alleluia* in the grave for a season, we rejoice that our salvation is accomplished for us! Alleluia, indeed!

In His service,
Cantor Geremy Zieroth

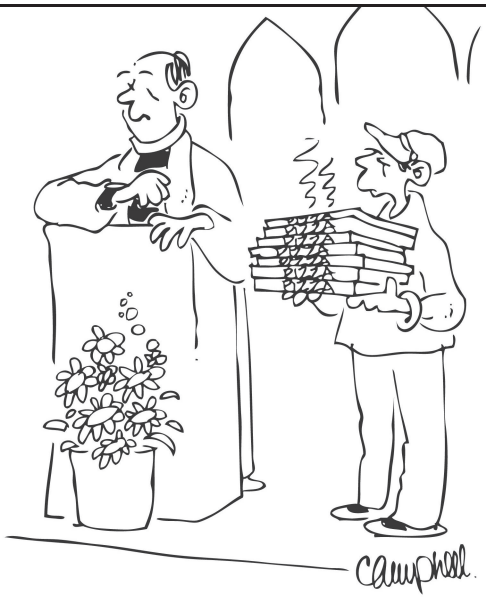
CALL MEETING—Feb 1, 2015
Immediately following late service, 11:45 a.m.



Call Committee

The Call Committee will recommend two candidates namely: Rev. Christopher Amen and Rev. Keith Witte. However all twenty-two names we received from the District are still candidates. There is far too much information available in the church office to be presented at a meeting. Please review this in preparation for the call meeting.

~~*Call Committee Chair* - John Penshorn



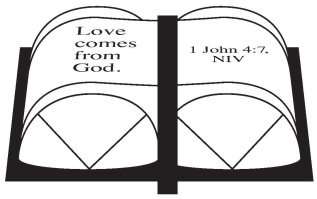
"I see that the sermon has run a little past noon..."

Then they gave money to the mason and carpenters, and gave food and drink and oil to the people. Ezra 3:7.

Rebuilding the temple is appropriate for the refurbishing that we have started on the first floor of the new addition. New carpet, new paint, new furnishings are all on the way. Contributions to this project are gladly welcomed.

GOD'S SWEET WORD

Share this Bible treat — and God's love — with a special valentine.



What you need:

- Black card stock or construction paper (2"x 1.5")
- Double-sided tape
- 2 wrapped Hershey's Nuggets candy bars (silver or gold)
- Pen or marker
- White paper (2.75" x 1")
- Thin sliver of red paper or ribbon
- Scissors

What you do:

1. In the center of the black paper, tape down the candy bars side by side.
2. On the white paper, write a short Bible verse about love. Then wrap it around the candy bars horizontally and tape it down.
3. Place the red paper or ribbon between the two candy bars, and tape the top of this "bookmark" to the Bible.
4. Give away this fun, sweet message of God's love!

A JAR OF Love and Appreciation

Sometimes we forget to show love and appreciation to people who are closest to us. Use this fun craft to let everyone in your family know how much you care.

What you need:

- Plastic jar with lid
- Heart-shaped foam pieces
- Heart-shaped stickers
- Glue
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Pencil or crayons

What you do:

1. Decorate the jar and lid with heart-shaped foam pieces and stickers.
2. Cut out 2" or 3" heart shapes from the construction paper.
3. On each paper heart, write what you appreciate and love about your family and each member. Have all family members do this, too.
4. Place the heart messages inside the jar. Fold them in half, if necessary.
5. On each day in February, pull out one heart and read the message aloud to the family.
6. Notice the changes in your family when everyone feels loved and appreciated!

The next 50% off sale will be Friday, February 27th and Saturday, February 28th.



The store is located at 201 Cottage Grove Road (just off Monona Drive). The hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. The phone number is 223-1228. Donations are welcome when the store is open.

Members of St. Peter's work on the first Friday (February 6th) and the third Wednesday (February 18th) of each month. Please call Alice Hanson if you have any questions or would like to become part of the *House of Thrift* team.

Thank you!

St. Peter's Child Care & Preschool

WMELS, Pre-K and *NAEYC* Accredited
5 stars with Wisconsin's *Young Star*
4-K Host Site for *Poynette School District*
By Connie Hendrickson, *Director*

February casts a magical spell throughout our Center as the children look forward for weeks to bring in their special Valentine cards to exchange. Each card is carefully hand selected and painstakingly signed, bundled up and eagerly handed in to a teacher for safe keeping until the day's special events.

Their excitement is not the anticipation of the party, the games or treats. It's not so much what they may get in the way of a card or two themselves. What is it then? It's the 'handing out'.To these kids it's simply the thrill of giving. Why? Because children naturally 'love to love'.

During all the excitement of giving to each other we take this time to remind these children that it is Jesus at the center of this love and that we cannot forget Him! So the children make a Valentine for their Lord (just like the cupcakes at Christmas time for baby Jesus' birthday).

Valentine's Day is yet another opportunity to show and express love, not just for one another, but for the one who makes sharing love and giving to others so easy, Jesus Christ.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only son, that whoever would believe in Him would have everlasting life. **John 3:16**







Parents and College Students:
Please let us know what your college address is going to be so that we can keep in touch through the coming year! Just email the Church Office:

stpeterluth@gmail.com

DIVINE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

January 29/February 1 4th Sunday after Epiphany Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28	Worship Leader: Pastor Brogaard Sermon: Giving and Taking Offense Text: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Order: (Thu) *Holy Communion Service* (Sun) *DSIII w/ communion*, p. 184 Hymns: 845 - 842 - 620, 819 - 810 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth Choir: Handbells
February 5/8 5th Sunday after Epiphany Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11 1 Corinthians 9:16-27 Mark 1:29-39	Worship Leader: Vicar Hartsough Sermon: TBA Text: TBA Order: (Thu) *Contemporary Service* (Sun) *DSI w/o communion,* p. 151 Hymns: 684 - 398 - 543 - 790 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth Choir: Lower Grade SS (8:00)
February 12/15 Transfiguration of Our Lord 2 Kings 2:1-12 or Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 3:12-18; 4:1-6 Mark 9:2-9	Worship Leader: Pastor Zimmermann Sermon: TBA Text: TBA Order: (Thu) *Holy Communion Service* (Sun) *DSIII w/ communion*, p 151 Hymns: 415 - 413 - 414, 503 - 417 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth Choir: Upper Sunday School (8:00)
February 18 Ash Wednesday (6:30pm) Joel 2:12-19 Psalm 51:1-19 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Worship Leader: Pastor Brogaard Sermon: Yearning for Home Text: 1 Peter 1:8-12 Order: *Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion* Hymns: 419, 606 - 422 - 423, 642 - 610 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth Choir: Adult Choir
February 22 1st Sunday in Lent Genesis 22:1-18 Psalm 25:1-10 James 1:12-18 Mark 1:9-15	Worship Leader: Vicar Hartsough Sermon: TBA Text: TBA Order: *DSI w/o communion*, p 151 Hymns: 424 - 438 - 547 - 418 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth Choir: Adult Choir
February 25/26 1st Midweek in Lent Psalm 51 1 Peter 1:15-17 Passion Reading	Worship Leader: Pastor Zimmermann Sermon: Calling Us Home—Holy, Wholly Holy Text: 1 Peter 1:15-17 Order: *Compline* Hymns: 437 - 507 - 704 - 689 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth

2/15 Darlene Schmidt
2/16 Elaine Podoll
2/18 Marion Pulsfus
2/26 Lloyd Hahn



Loves me not?



A girl asked a boy if he loved her, and he replied, "Yes, of course."

"Would you die for me?" the girl wondered.

After a brief pause, the honest lad said, "No, mine is an undying love."

COUNCIL NOTES – January 13, 2015



The opening devotion was given by Vicar Hartsough from Acts 1:20-26 and the choosing of Matthias to be added to the eleven apostles. During this time at St. Peter's we must also seek guidance and pray to the Lord in the picking of a new minister. It is our duty as members to read and study the candidates to make a conscientious decision.

The **agenda** was presented. A motion was made by Mark Witt to approve the agenda, Keith Podoll seconded, motion carried.

The **Secretary's minutes** were read. A motion was made by Jennifer See to approve the minutes, Vint Quamme seconded and the motion carried.

The **Financial Secretary's Report** was presented by Mary Witt. Offerings for the month of December totaled $35,520.35. This is approximately $5500.00 short of budget. There was some discussion on the idea of electronic checks and direct deposit from members into the Church's accounts. Currently there are more pressing issues but it will be looked into for future consideration. Vint Quamme also talked with Jackie Gunderson about how the funds from Eldon Gunderson's memorial would be used. A few different ideas were presented and this will be looked into further. A motion was made by Shannon Rohrbeck to approve the report, Glenn Puntney seconded and the motion carried.

The **Treasurer's report** was presented by Jennifer See. As of January 1, 2015 there is $30,218.83 available for expenses. Upcoming January expenses are the utilities, trash pickup fees and the annual elevator inspection by Braun which costs $536.00. Jennifer See advised the council to transfer $6000.00 from a certificate of deposit that is coming due to the Vicarage account. After some discussion Steve Paskey made a motion to move the funds, Greg Latzig seconded and the motion carried. A motion was made by Mark Witt to approve the report, Stephen Saager seconded and the motion carried.

The **Board of Elder's Report** was presented by Glenn Puntney. Tyson Miller will be working on the usher committees and choose the individuals that will head the usher teams. At some services there has been a shortage of ushers and it would possibly be a good idea to add midweek students, as it is an honor to serve the Lord in this capacity. The scholarships will be due to the Endowment committee by March 31, 2015. The Military Care will be adding John Schueman Jr., who was sent to Japan. Cantor Zieroth reported that the choirs had a great fall and Christmas season but will be working hard to get ready for spring and the Lenten season. Vicar Hartsough reported that everything is going well and planning has begun with Pastor Brogaard and Pastor Zimmermann for the Lenten services. Grief pamphlets are being sent out to people who have recently lost loved ones. Vicar is also preaching at Good Samaritan about every 6 weeks. A motion was made by Steve Paskey to approve the report, Keith Podoll seconded and the motion carried.

The **Board of Trustee's Report** was presented by Keith Podoll. The front door opener/closer will be fixed in the upcoming week. The Pella window and door people came and they will be doing some weather sealing of doors and windows. Keith Podoll will be contacting Mead Construction about the front steps of the Church which are crumbling badly. This will all be part of the landscaping project this spring. Greg will present landscape ideas at the next meeting. Other projects to consider include; window trim that needs painting which is especially bad around the chapel area and broken glass in the front door. A motion was made by Vint Quamme to approve the report, Jennifer See seconded and the motion carried.

The **Board of Christian Education Report** was presented by Cameron Gramse. The Child Care Center has had a slight drop in enrollment due to family financial difficulties. Five more full time children are needed to meet basic budget needs. The Pre-K program continues to run smoothly with 22 children. The reaccreditation process which is done every 5 years is underway. Contracts and fees of more than $1600.00 have been submitted. The younger Sunday school students will be singing the second week of the month and the older students the third week each month. The men's and women's Bible classes are discussing the Book of Matthew. Currently accommodations are being looked into for the Sunday Bible class because it would be much easier to hold discussions in a classroom setting. Motion was made by Mark Witt to approve the report, Mary Witt seconded, motion carried.

Pastor's Report-Pastor Brogaard reported that he meets with the Vicar weekly and everything is going well. Currently Lenten themes are being discussed and who will do each service. Reports are filled out on the Vicar and there will only be one more report at the end to be submitted to the seminary. Pastor Brogaard also feels moving the Sunday Bible class to a classroom will help. Keith Podoll made a motion to approve the Pastor's report, Jennifer See seconded and the motion carried.

Membership Changes-A motion was made by Greg Latzig to remove by peaceable release to Christ Memorial (LC-MS), Fitchburg-Deborah Dobratz, Jennifer See seconded, motion carried. A motion was also presented by Glenn Puntney to recommend the release of Jodie Hughes and daughters to St. Luke's Lutheran Church (ELCA), in Middleton, WI, at the annual meeting, Vint Quamme seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business-President Greg Frank reported on the progress of the Call Committee. The top 4 candidates were interviewed by phone conference, 3 of which were submitted by congregation members. These will be posted and congregation members are encouraged to come to the church office and read the bios of these candidates or all 22 if they so choose. The call committee has put in many hours researching and discussing. Pastor Brogaard reported that the committee is doing an excellent job.

New Business-There was a discussion to hold a special voter's meeting to vote on the candidates. Vint Quamme made a motion to call a special voter's meeting Sunday February 1, 2015 at 11:45 a.m. or as soon after the second service as possible, Mark Witt seconded and the motion carried. Mark Witt presented the 2015 Budget to the council. Mark thanked the budget committee for all their work. Keith Podoll made a motion to present the recommended budget to the congregation at the annual meeting, Jennifer See seconded and the motion carried. A motion was made by Shannon Rohrbeck to create a committee to formulate a package for each candidate that the call committee has selected in regards to salary, benefits etc., Stephen Saager seconded and the motion carried. Those appointed to this special committee are; Mark Witt, Jennifer See, Lynnette Taylor and Greg Frank. A special thank you to all the outgoing council members; Greg Frank, David Hutchinson, Mike Post, Shannon Rohrbeck and Sandra Sandstrom, your service is greatly appreciated.

At 8:15 p.m. a motion was made by Mark Witt to adjourn, Mary Witt seconded and the Lord's Prayer followed.

~Elizabeth Hutchinson, *Secretary*

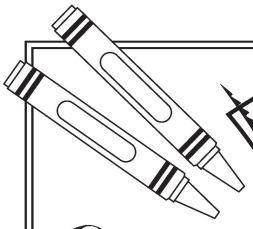


FINANCIAL REPORT
CURRENT EXPENSE FUND:



Balance on Dec 31, 2014	$30,218.83
Receipts for Jan	$12,122.20
Expenses for Jan (est)	($12,874.46)
Shortage/Overage	$ 28,871.37

LOAN BALANCES:
Wilson House - $26,358.70.

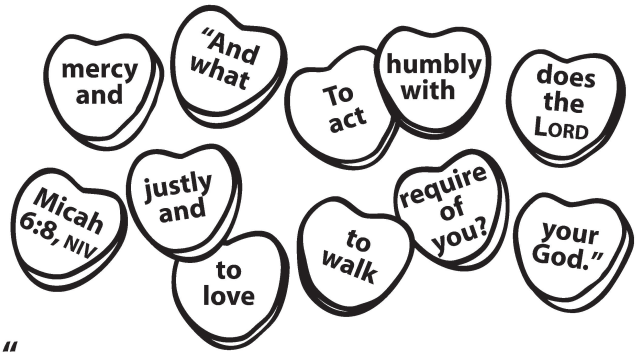


PUZZLE

Conversation hearts

The world encourages people to look out for themselves and seek success, but in Micah 6:8, God tells us to live differently.

Directions: *Put the conversation hearts in the correct order by writing the words on the lines below.* ***Hint:*** *Capitalization and quotation marks are included.*



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" 6:8 ,

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Answer: "And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8, NIV

ACOLYTES

Feb 1	8:00 AM	Brandon Rowe
	10:30 AM	Katherine Reddeman & Alyssa Mason
Feb 8	8:00 AM	Lucy Cuff & Brianna Schulz
	10:30 AM	Katherine Reddeman & Olivia Wendt
Feb 15	8:00 AM	Lucy Cuff & McKenna Morris
	10:30 AM	NONE
Feb 18	6:30 PM	Caleb Reddeman & Ahren Schoeckert
Feb 22	8:00 AM	Jakob Zimmermann & Christian Barnharst
	10:30 AM	Brandon Rowe
Feb 25	4:30 PM	Katherine Reddeman & Alyssa Mason



Elders

Feb 1	8:00 a.m.	Stephen Saager & Mike Manke
	10:30 a.m.	Vint Quamme & Tyson Miller
Feb 5	6:30 p.m.	Bill Manthey
Feb 8	8:00 a.m.	Stephen Saager
	10:30 a.m.	Tom Crum
Feb 12	6:30 p.m.	Josh Schroeder
Feb 15	8:00 a.m.	Dale Johnson & Phil Kruger
	10:30 a.m.	Vint Quammer & Josh Schroeder
Feb 18	6:30 p.m.	Greg Latzig
Feb 22	8:00 a.m.	Mike Manke
	10:30 a.m.	Tom Crum
Feb 26	6:30 p.m.	Greg Latzig



FEBRUARY USHERS

February 1 & 8

Mark Witt ,Chr.
(635-4673)
Wade Senft
George Schoeneberg
Mitchell Amundson
Trent Olson
Jeff Rowe
Trevor Giese

Tyson Miller, Chr.
(635-8504)
Mark Schoeckert
Mitch Schoeckert
Michael Hendrickson
Matthew Hendrickson
Shannon Rohrbeck
Stephen Saager
James & Matthew Saager

February 15, 18 & 22

Philip Hanson, Chr
(635-2244)
Randy Schuster
David Caldwell
Mark Hirssig
Robert Rittmeyer
Buck & Ty Woodward
Justin & Jacob Reddeman
Tom Daugherty
Rich & Tony Rittmeyer

Robert Caldwell, Chr.
(635-4225)
Jerran Hanson
James Dobratz
Bob Hagenow
Jim Mueller
Tom & Dalton McLaughlin
Al Stoltenberg



February

635-4825

Barb Reddeman
Connie Hendrickson

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2015

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Epiphany 4 **1** 8:00 AM HC Service 9:15 AM SS/Bible Class 10:30 AM HC Service **11:45 AM Call Mtg**	**2**	**3** 1:00 PM Bible Class	**4** 4:00 PM Midweek 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Choir	**5** 6:30 PM Contemporary Service	**6** *7:30 AM Men's Bible Class* 9:00 AM *Thrift Store*	**7**
Epiphany 5 **8** 8:00 AM Divine Service 8:00 AM Lower Gr Sing 9:15 AM SS/Bible Class 10:30 AM Divine Service	**9**	**10** 1:00 PM Bible Class 6:00 PM Bd of Ed 6:30 PM Council 7:30 PM Elders	**11** 4:00 PM Midweek 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Choir	**12** 6:30 PM HC Service 	**13** *7:30 AM Men's Bible Class*	**St. Valentine's Day** **14**
Transfiguration of our Lord **15** 8:00 AM HC Service 8:00 AM Upper Gr Sing 9:15 AM SS/Bible Class 10:30 AM HC Service	**President's Day** **16**  Presidents Day	**17** 1:00 PM Bible Class	**Ash Wednesday** **18** 9:00 AM *Thrift Store* 4:00 PM Midweek ***6:30 PM HC Service***	**19** ***No Evening Service***	**20** *7:30 AM Men's Bible Class* 	**21**
 **Lent 1** **22** 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM SS/Bible Class 10:30 AM Divine Service **4:00 PM Youth Bible Study**	**23**	**St. Mathias, Apostle** **24** 1:00 PM Bible Class	**25** 3:45 PM Midweek **4:30 PM Lenten Service & Supper** 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Choir	**26** 6:30 PM HC Service	**27** *7:30 AM Men's Bible Class*	**28**



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