



First Lutheran Caller

FEBRUARY 2012

A BONUS

This year you will get an extra day. And it happens this month. Since it is leap year, February will have 29 days. We all get a bonus day. 24 hours extra. Free.

What are you going to do with your bonus? How will you spend the extra 1440 minutes?

Maybe you could use a few of those additional minutes to spend some time reading the Bible and praying. You've intended to do that, but never had the time.

Perhaps you could spend some of those surplus minutes going out to dinner with your spouse and having a significant conversation.

How about using some of your extra time to pick up the phone and call someone who might be lonely? Many of our homebound are hungry for some attention.

I'll bet you have some jobs around the house that have been nagging you (or your spouse has) for months, even years. It would be a good time to finish some of them off.

Let me make a wild suggestion for how to meaningfully use some of your bonus. If you have never attended a Wednesday evening Lenten service at church, now would be a good time. We are planning some

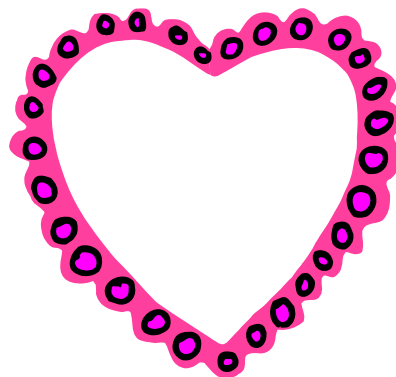
great services based on powerful hymns of the faith. Why not try one out? After all, it's free time. Right? And February 29 will be a Wednesday this year.

I don't know if you will really feel like you've added 24 hours to your life this month. But this exercise is a good reminder that every day is a gift from God. How we spend each one says something about us and what is important to us.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

Pastor Tom



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SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Feb. 5- Sunday School All Ages: John the Baptist

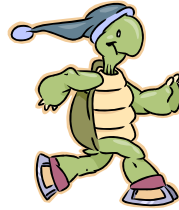
Feb. 12- 2yrs - 2nd Grade: Bible Gym Games with
Nathan

3-5th Grade: Jesus Heals Ten Men

Feb. 19- 2yrs - 2nd Grade: Jesus Heals Ten Men

3-5th Grade: Good News Bearers Drama

Feb. 26- Sunday School All Ages: The Prodigal Son



5th - 9th GRADE WINTER PARTY

Sunday, February 5
11:00 am - 3:30 pm

11:00 am - Sunday School

12:00 pm - Lunch in Martin Luther Hall &
Volleyball in the Gym

1:00 pm - Skating in the park across from the church

If your child is unable to attend Sunday School on February 5, they are welcome to join us for our party starting with lunch in Martin Luther Hall at 12:00 noon. All are welcome.



FLC FAMILY SNOW DAY FEB. 5TH 12:00-3:30PM

FAMILY SLEDDING AT KEYES PARK
5TH-9TH GRADE SKATING AT
OSTRANDER PARK
BOTH PARKS IN COLUMBIA HEIGHTS, MN

ALL FLC FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO HAVE LUNCH AT CHURCH
AND FAMILIES WILL BUS OR DRIVE TO KEYES PARK.
THE 5TH-9TH GRADERS WILL WALK TO THE SKATING RINK IN
OSTRANDER PARK. HOT COCO WILL BE SERVED AT
2PM AT CHURCH.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

By Peter Carlson, Director of Music



Why do we sing in worship? This is a question I've addressed in this space before. We spend a good portion of our worship service singing, and I can understand that people might wonder why. I've asserted that we sing in worship because the Bible tells us to, because it's a great way to foster community, because music can sometimes convey emotions better than words can, and even because it's good for our health! But I've lately been thinking about another reason: we sing to pass along the faith experiences of fellow Christians who have given us songs and hymns for worship.

I'm sure there are composers and poets out there who write worship songs just to make a living. But I think overall most

songs and hymns are written because these writers have an idea, experience, or message they'd like to share. "Amazing Grace" was written by a reformed slave trader, in amazement that God could save "a wretch like me." "It Is Well with My Soul" was written by a man finding comfort in God even after the death of his four daughters in a shipwreck. "Seek Ye First" was written by a woman who was nervous about being able to pay her monthly bills.

Each time we sing these songs, and countless others, we are passing on the experience of the songwriters and taking to heart the lessons they've learned. Just as our pastors frequently share stories or quotations in their sermons to help illustrate a point, each song we sing in worship can be thought of as a "musical quote" as well. Our

hymnal has 893 songs in it...each one written by a human being who felt the need to express his or her relationship with God. What a wonderful resource for our own journey in faith!

Our theme this year for Wednesday Lenten worship is *Singing into the Face of Evil*. We'll explore what it means to face our hardships by singing God's praises. And each week we'll hear the story of a different popular hymn or a hymnwriter whose work we frequently use in worship. I hope these stories will inspire your singing and encourage you to pay attention to the lessons that *all* of our hymns have to offer.



SING INTO THE FACE OF EVIL

This Lent we will be revisiting the power of music in the Church. For countless generations God's people have relied upon song to offer praise, find comfort, calm fears and bring hope to life on this planet. Join us each Wednesday evening in Lent, starting Ash Wednesday on February 22nd, at 6:30pm in the sanctuary for worship. Each week we will "meet" the author of a selected hymn or praise song and learn the story behind their lyrics. We hope it will bring new meaning to the words we sing and encourage you to "make a joyful noise to the Lord!" You won't want to miss a Wednesday, because each week you will receive a keepsake of the selected song including the lyrics and artwork created by some of our very own members! Please note the worship time change from previous years. See you at **6:30pm** every Wednesday. And be ready to sing...

YOUNG AT HEART

Tuesday, February 14, noon



Valentine Luncheon
\$14 tickets sold in the
Commons on Sundays,
February 5 & 12.

A wonderful banquet meal prepared by our chef, Rock Hauser. Our entertainment will be Greg Theisen, an outstanding pianist, who will offer a varied program of some Chopin, some jazz, some pop tunes, some hymns and some sing-alongs. Greg has a varied music background that includes touring with Tony Sandler (of Sandler and Young), playing keyboard with the Minnesota Orchestra, and serving as organist/pianist at Nativity Lutheran. He teaches piano and composition at MacPhail and has accompanied Broadway shows here in Minneapolis--the latest of which is 'Les Miserables.'

You can request!! Do you have a favorite Valentine song? Put your request on paper and put it in the envelop on our bulletin board. It may appear in Greg's program.

Red is a nice color for Valentines Day!

This is a Century celebration event. The first Sweetheart Banquet was held in 1974. It evolved into the Valentine Banquet which was held for many years and then dissipated. It's back--and don't miss it!



Comin' up:

Wed, Mar 21

Church Basement Ladies
'A Mighty Fortress is our Basement'
11:00 vans leave church
11:30 lunch at the Green Mill
1:00 show

Tues, Apr 17, 1 p.m.

Century Celebration



SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION

A new Adult Education class will begin on Sunday, February 12. The title is "The Beatitudes: Developing Spiritual Character," by John Stott, the famous English pastor, writer, and theologian, who was known for being able to explain theology in a way that lay people could easily understand. This course examines eight qualities from the beatitudes: meekness and mercy, poorness in spirit and purity of heart, mourning and hunger, peacemaking and persecution. It will be taught by Michelle Edwards of our congregation, and will last for 8 weeks.

Grab a cup of coffee and head into Katie Luther Cellar outside of Martin Luther Hall for class each Sunday morning at 11:10.

LENTEN SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

This year, there will again be opportunities to join a weekly small group during Lent. The study this year will be "Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross" by Ralph Wilson. Lenten services will be held Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, with Soup Suppers beginning at 5:00 pm. Thus weekly small groups are planned to start on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 5:30 and 7:30 pm, and also on Sunday, Feb. 26 after the worship service. Look for the sign-up lists in the Commons. Join us as we explore the meaning of Christ's last words for us today.

SPUDFEST



Sunday, February 12, 11-1:30 in Martin Luther Hall we will be having a Spudfest! Come and enjoy a HUGE spud with all of the toppings. All proceeds will go to the 2012 ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. \$5 per person, \$20 max/family.



ALL ARE INVITED...BE INSPIRED!

All are invited to join in the end of the 30 Hour Famine event. Come celebrate with the youth! Join them in worship. Hear testimonies and let our youth inspire you!!! Sign up on the board by the 30 Hour Famine table if you plan to attend. A free will donation will be taken. Worship and dinner will be: Saturday, February 25, 5pm-7pm. Find out what all the excitement is about!

Breaking the chain of hunger!

Help to eliminate world hunger!! Each link on the paper chain in the church represents a child that will die that day because of hunger. That staggering number is 22,000! These are senseless deaths that can be avoided. Help the youth to get rid of

the chain...break the chain of hunger! You can purchase a link for 25 cents. When a link is purchased, it will be torn down. Links can be purchased on Sunday mornings in the Commons or during the week from Julie in the church office. Donations are tax deductible (receipts available upon request). Watch as we break the chain of hunger!

FLOWER SALES

Youth flower sales are underway!

Youth: pick up your fundraising packets and start earning credits that can be used toward camp, events and trips. You can pick up your packet from the youth table in the Commons. This is the best way to raise some money in your youth account!

Congregation: you can start ordering your flowers from one of the youth or from the table in the Commons. Flowers, fruit plants, vegetable plants, herbs, and hanging plants are available for purchase. Pick up will be the week before Mother's Day at First Lutheran.



NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING PARTICIPANTS REMINDERS

Following are some important reminders for your calendars. Also, don't forget that we all agreed to help with the flower fundraiser! Pick up your packet from the Youth Table in the Commons as soon as possible and start selling!

February 12th – Spudfest – please be there at 9am with 2 dozen desserts (cookies, bars, etc). Plan to be there until 2pm.

February 15th - \$100 payment due

February 19th – 9am Meeting in the Youth Chapel

CAMP WAPO!

Youth Campers

For those in grades 4-9!

Sun., June 10, 1pm – Fri., June 15, 5pm

Cost: \$290.00 per person (after a \$100 gift from the Youth Board)

\$100 non-transferable, non-refundable payment and forms (found in the magazine rack in the Commons at FLC) are due to the youth box by March 4! Remaining \$190 due May 6.

SEEDS Campers

For those in grades 2-3!

Fri., June 15, 5pm – Sun., June 17, 4pm

Cost: \$140.00 per person. A \$40 scholarship will be given to each SEEDS camper, making the total cost \$100.00

\$100 non-transferable, non-refundable payment and forms (found in the magazine rack in the Commons at FLC) are due to the youth box by March 4!

Check it out! www.campwapo.org

Draw closer to one another, new friends, and most importantly...God!



“Changing” Lives

Drop off your spare change in the water jug in the Commons at First. Your spare change will be used to “change” the lives of our youth who will be attending Camp this year. The spare change will help bring the cost of camp down for participants.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

10:00 AM

Acolytes:

February 5	Josh Rolfs	Jacob Rolfs
February 12	Bailey Ratliff	Erica Edstrom
February 19	Catie Miller	Katie Schweiger
February 22 - 7:00 pm	Adam Larson	Erin Johnson
February 26	Andre Woods	Jessie Husen

Communion

Servers:

February 5	Vern Hoium Nancy Hoium Pat Johnson Pat Pasiewicz
February 12	Ruth Dodson Suzy Vescio
February 19	Jon Lueth Mary Kay Miller
February 26	Phil Mattison Sonja Super

Bus Driver:

February 5	Vance Husen
February 12	Charles Pierson III
February 19	Pam Sigurdson
February 26	Dale Streed

10:00 AM

Ushers:

February 5	Len Casanova Tom & Sonja Super Tom & Bonnie O'Brien	Jan Casanova Laura Super Dave LaSota
February 12	Fred Edstrom Erica Edstrom Larry Larson Tim Traynor	Jonathon Edstrom Bill Baker Ramona Wold
February 19	Matt Palm Maggie Proft Helen Skoglund John Kennedy	Sid Anderson Doug & Pat Johnson Donna Novak Chad Myhre
February 22 - 7 pm	Ash Wed. Kevin Kaliher Forrest Anderson Charles Pierson III	Randy Dodson Jay Craft Wendy Ramirez
February 26	Joshua Rolfs Clarence Skaaden Don & Carol Wahlstrom Peter & Edward O'Brien	Jacob Rolfs Gordon Johnson Sheldon Knutson Marge Jeska

Projection

Schedule:

February 5	Chris Larson
February 12	Stuart George
February 19	Traynors
February 26	Stuart George



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

First Lutheran's major checking and savings accounts and the balances as of December 31, 2011 are listed below. If you have any questions or would like to obtain more specific information, please call Julie 763-788-9653.

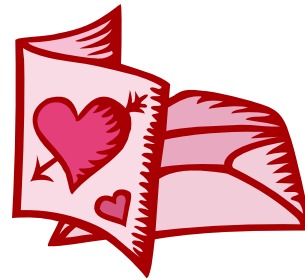
December 2011		
General Fund Balance 11/30/2011	\$	5,112.64
Offerings received	\$	108,146.57
Other Deposits/Transfers	\$	82,943.97
	\$	196,203.18
Transfers to Payroll	\$	(23,136.90)
Other Checks/Transfers	\$	(172,483.38)
General Fund Balance 12/31/2011	\$	582.90
Building Fund at 11/30/2011		
Offerings, interest	\$	124,008.76
Mortgage Payment	\$	25,385.18
	\$	(23,136.90)
Building Fund Balance 12/31/2011	\$	126,257.04
Perpetual Reserve Balance 12/31/11		
\$10,000 Loan taken in May 2011/Paid Dec.	\$	106,000.00
Special Projects Balance 12/31/11		
	\$	97,361.04
Memorial Fund 12/31/2011		
	\$	21,262.90
Endowment Fund Principle 12/31/2011	\$	676,835.80
Earnings available for Undesignated Use	\$	9,086.80
**Endowment principal is held in perpetuity and cannot be spent ("Dollars Forever").		
Only the investment earnings on this balance are available for use with the approval of the Endowment Committee.		

2011 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS and 2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES

are available in the Commons for pick up. If you would like your envelopes and/or statement mailed to you please call Julie in the church office 763-788-9653.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES HAVE ARRIVED!!!

Please pick up your directory on Sunday mornings in the Commons or in the office during the week. One free directory per family if your photo is included in the directory. There is a \$5.00 per book fee if your photo was not taken.



PAINTING PARTIES



The Anniversary Celebration weekend, April 28 and 29th is fast approaching. We'll be having a few more painting parties to spruce up our church before that weekend. Please join us on Wednesday morning, February 15 8:30 to noon and Thursday, February 23, 4 to 7 pm.

February 2012 Parish Nurse Report

Loneliness

Currently I am busy getting all of the loose ends tied up for our eighth mission trip with Mission Jamaica to Kingston, Jamaica, I told Pastor Tom that I was just *too* busy to stop and finish my report on Parkinson's disease that I have been researching.

Recently on one of my visits, the word lonely came up, and thinking of many of the people I have been in contact with this word, lonely is a common one. Whether it is due to a death of a spouse, family member, or a break up of a relationship; that they are physically unable to get out, or no longer can drive their car, that word "lonely" creeps in.

Psalm 26: 16 states: Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. God wants us all to have underlying joy and fulfillment even though we are experiencing sadness and loneliness. Do not feel that you are weak or weird because you feel lonely. Remember God wants to be your best friend during these feelings of loneliness. He wants you to talk with Him about everything. Some people have said that they become stronger and less lonely as their relationship grows with God.

John Cacioppo, a social neuroscientist at the University of Chicago states that loneliness increases over time and is expected to continue to increase due to longer life spans and more years in widowhood as well as the increase in single person households.

So, I thought about my lonely times and how do I pick myself up during these occurrences, here are a few suggestions:

- Pick up the phone and call someone. You could be the bright spot of their day.
- Send a card, I have seen many cards sent to members I have visited sitting at end tables at home, or bedside tables in the hospitals or care centers. The recipients truly cherish these cards.
- Visit someone, especially people that are homebound during this long winter.
- E-mail, text, or Facebook someone you have not heard from in a while.
- Talk to God, one of my favorite sayings is that "He is up all night anyway!"

Loneliness comes down to the quality rather than the quantity of friendships and relationships, so during this long, cold, dark Minnesota winter let's do something about being lonely and be a day brightener and a sender of warm wishes.

Stay well, Jane Bugbee, RN Parish Nurse



As part of our Centennial year, this is the second in a series featuring long-time members giving personal glimpses of life in this community and church.

Clarence Skaaden

I was born on January 31, 1924 at our home at 3858 Polk Street. My sister, Lorraine Parks, was born in 1925, and my brother Elmer was born in 1927. We were all baptized and confirmed at First Lutheran Church.

I attended school at Silver Lake Elementary, (now the location of our church) for kindergarten through seventh grade. There were just eight classrooms at that time. The playground with the swings, teeter-totter and monkey bars was in front of the school on the Tyler Street side because the backside of the school was a swampy area. 40th Avenue did not yet go through to the east but ended at Tyler Street. Cows and goats were grazed on the hills just east of what is now Polk Street. Mr. Wiggins, the school custodian, lived across the street from the school, and owned the goats. No kids ever went without milk if he knew they were in need.

Our home on Polk was simple. In fact, it was just a basement when I was born. Because of a shortage of building materials and money, the main floor was not added until 1929, a common practice in that era. A kerosene lamp was our source of light and we got our heat from a wood and coal burning stove. A neighbor had a telephone and if we needed to use it, we generally gave her a nickel for the privilege. There was great swimming in Silver Lake and we also caught lots of 'sunnies' there.

For grades eight through twelve I attended the Columbia Heights High School on 41st where the new police and fire station is now located. Times were tough and some boys left school at 16 and went to work for the CC camps. After graduating I went in the Army and was later discharged as a Disabled American Veteran. Then I went on to graduate from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. I retired after 35 years in the advertising department of the Dayton Hudson Corporation. I serve as the board chairman of DRIVE and editor of their newsletter. DRIVE stands for Dedicated Retirees in Volunteer Enterprises.

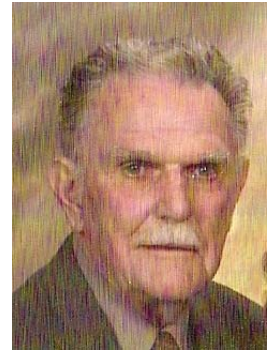
When I was growing up our church was at 40th and Quincy. I was allowed to cross Central Avenue alone at the age of seven to go to church. I loved Vacation Bible School as they did a lot of art activities which interested me. For three years in a row I was Joseph at the Christmas program. One year we did the program for two days, as there were so many people. At Christmas the church was lit with beautiful lights and the decorations were always bright and colorful.

Boys and girls were in separate classes at Sunday School. The boys in my class asked our teacher what the belfry was like and she let us go up there to have our classes in warmer weather. Rev. Hagen would stop in before class and we would sing "A little white church on the hill" to the tune of 'Little brown church in the vale.' I also remember one hot summer Sunday when a bunch of us sat in the back pew. Pastor Hagen left the altar, walked to the back and told us, 'Follow me.' He led us to the front pew, and said 'There, now I don't have to speak so loud.' I think it was discipline in disguise.

Rev. Hagen did not want us to dance, play cards, use dice, or go into the pool hall as that was considered sinful. There was a pool hall on the south side of 40th near Jackson and he told us to walk on the north side of the street when we left church.

My wife Marjorie (Severson) was born in Minneapolis. She started school there, but later graduated from high school in North Dakota. She returned to Minneapolis where she worked for Powers department store. We were married June 9, 1945 at First Lutheran by Rev. Johnson. We volunteer our time at First by ushering, and at the bazaar and garage sales. We enjoy the activities of the Young at Heart group.

--written by Pat Stinson
FLC Writers Group



February 2012

Monthly Planner



**See more on
the back!**

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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February

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12:00 PM 5th - 9th Grade S.S. Winter Party & Family Snow Day

12:00 PM Monte Horeb Sunday School - Gabriel, Elijah, Noah's Ark & Elizabeth

Food Shelf Sunday

12

12:00 PM Monte Horeb Sunday School - Gabriel, Elijah, Noah's Ark & Elizabeth
Blood Pressure Checks

14

6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Chorus Polaris Rehearsal - Choir Room

7:00 PM Monte Horeb Worship - Sanctuary

19

12:00 PM Monte Horeb Sunday School - Gabriel, Elijah, Noah's Ark & Elizabeth

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7:30 PM Campanile Rehearsal - Bach

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12:00 PM Monte Horeb Sunday School - Gabriel, Elijah, Noah's Ark & Elizabeth

ENDOWMENT FUND "Dollars Forever"

Thank you for your 2012 pledges to the Endowment Fund. The total pledged to date is \$13,238.00. The gifts you give to the Endowment Fund will be invested and only the earnings on those dollars are used for special projects in the church. The Memorial and Endowment Committee members are committed to being good stewards of First Lutheran's Endowment and Memorial funds. Please review the 2011 M & E Annual Report which shows the gifts received and disbursed since 1981.



"EASY EXERCISE"

in Katie Luther Cellar,
Tuesdays at 11:00 AM.

COMING SOON!

Zumba at noon!

Zumba exercise uses music with fast and slow rhythms to move your body and to burn some calories.

Stay tuned for details.

ON LINE GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE!

You can easily give a one-time gift or regular weekly or monthly giving through First Lutheran's web site. Your offering can be designated to your choice of funds such as the General Fund or Mortgage and Maintenance Fund. Go to First Lutheran's web site: www.flcch.org and click on the Giving button in the upper right hand corner of the home page. It will take you to an On-line giving page. We're pleased to announce this convenient way of donating. Check it out!!

RACHEL CIRCLE

Rachel Circle will meet on Wednesday,
February 1 at Karen Mattison's house
at 7:15 pm.



FIRST LUTHERAN WRITERS

Have you ever thought, or been told by your friends or family, "You should write that down"? Writers, both beginning and published, meet at First Lutheran every second Tuesday from 10—12, in the Peace room. They share and encourage each other's writing. Journals, trip or family memories, poetry, opinions, letters to editors, stories: anything goes! Anyone is welcome to visit and see if this activity works for you!

Thank You

THANK YOU FOR YOUR 2011 DONATIONS TO THOSE IN NEED

Given to SACA:

1,734 pounds of food; \$3,521.00 gifts; 21 bags and 9 boxes of clothing, towels, notebooks, household goods; Christmas items and miscellaneous.

Given to Hidden Treasures Thrift Store: 20 boxes stuffed toys, dishes, glassware, books, miscellaneous.

Given to Salvation Army: 26 boxes of miscellaneous household items.

Thank you for your prayers, cards, gifts and many other expressions of support and sympathy to me and my family during my mother's recent illness and death. She always enjoyed coming to First for worship, concerts and other special events.

Marilyn Lueth

Thank you to our FLC family for your love, support and kind words during Fred's death. Special thanks to Pastor Amy, Paul, Jane and Peter for help at his funeral and also the circle helpers for the lunch. Your kind words and prayers helped us during this difficult time.

Family of Fred Heitman



FROM OUR RECORDS

January Baptisms

Matthew Ryan Lovik
son of Tiffany Craft & Ryan Lovik

January Funerals

Fred Heitman
Charles Danielson



BOOK CLUB

February 15, 2012

10:00—11:00 am

Meet in Peace

“The Other Boleyn Girl”

By Philippa Gregory

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Mornings

8:45 AM	Chapel Service
10:00 AM	Worship
11:00 AM	Education Hour & Fellowship Time
Starting February 22 - Ash Wednesday	
6:30 PM	Lenten Services Wednesdays



CALLER DEADLINES:

Please have any information for the Caller into the church office by the end of the business day on the **12th** of each month.

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