

CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PASTOR

In his book *Grace upon Grace: Spirituality for Today*, John Kleinig describes the devil as a “hidden enemy” and the spiritual warfare the Christian endures as “the hidden battle.” He compares the attack of Satan on the conscience of a believer to the sneak attacks endured by United States soldiers in the war in Vietnam, where the enemy often hid from sight in tunnels underground. He writes,

They were often confused and frustrated because there was no clear line of battle. The soldiers never knew who their enemies were and where they were located. Enemies would appear as if from nowhere, emerging from secret tunnels and disappearing in them once they lost their cover. This meant that the U.S. soldiers could rarely take the offensive; mostly they discovered the enemy only when they came under attack. That’s how it is with us. There are no clear lines of battle that join us with our allies and separate us from our enemy. The enemy is hidden from us. The attack comes from inside us, our conscience. (John Kleinig, *Grace upon Grace* [St. Louis: Concordia, 2008], 224)

But Jesus took on this enemy. His presence drew him out of hiding. Jesus encountered the devil directly in the wilderness and successfully endured his temptations, remaining holy and without sin (Mk 1:13). Jesus’ death on the cross to pay for the sins of the world disarmed the enemy, enabling the Christian who trusts in the saving death and resurrection of Christ to have a clean conscience, protected from the sneak attacks of the enemy.

Special points of Interest

- 2/4 - International Day
- 2/14 - Ash Wednesday
Service 7:30pm
- Council after
- 2/27 - Lenten Midweek
- 3/9 - Chili Cookoff
- 3/12 - Lenten Midweek

Pastor Office Hours
Every Thursday
1:30-4pm



February 14th



At the Voter's meeting on January 21, the budget for 2024 was past. Total budget for the year is \$62,430.00. To meet the budget, we need to collect \$5,202.50 per month which is an increase of \$117.08 per month from last year. With prayer consideration, if possible, please increase your offering in any amount you can. We had the boiler fixed the day of the meeting as we arrived at the church to find no heat. The average daily temperature for that week was 20 degrees. Thankfully, we had the electric split units in the church and fellowship hall to provide some heat. We will be needing a new unit in the future which will cost about \$10,000 to \$11,000.

Also, it was voted to change the time of the mid-week services to 7 PM.

The Girl Scouts Daisy Troop 40145 is a new member of the church as they will be using our Fellowship Hall for their meetings to fulfill their mission statement. "Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place."

The Daisies meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday night of each month.

Led by Toni Ann Mulligan, Kate Reinertsen and Danielle Hansen.

They are just letting the church community know they are there!

If you would like more information contact ToniAnnsBookshelf@gmail.com



BOY SCOUTS

The Boy Scout's program slogan is "Leave No Boy Inside" Boys! Get off the couch, put your video games down and look around at nature. Enjoy what God has given us! The scouts meet on Thursday nights between 7-8:30pm. Please check out our website at www.troop2010.com for more information.

The New Cub Scout Pack #1 meets at the church every 3rd and 4th Tuesday of the month It is open to girls and boys grades K-5, We provide ready-made opportunities for your family to do fun things together—because together—we can all grow into our very best future selves!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

February we will be finishing up our New Testament lessons! On February 26 we will start our new series on the creation of the world and its people.

There is no classes
on February 21



Please wear your football jerseys/shirts to church on Sunday, February 11.

That's Super Bowl Sunday.

We will have a coffee hour following the service.



GATHERINGS/MEETINGS

Pastor Tyce is available at the church every Thursday from 2-4:30 PM

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class - Every Sunday - 9:30 AM

Worship Service - Every Sunday - 10:45 AM

Church Council - 2nd Tuesday of each month - 7 PM

Ladies Guild - 3rd Wednesday of each month - 7:30 PM

Lion's Club - 1st Tuesday of each month - 7-9 PM

Girl Scouts - 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month - 5-8 PM

Cub Scouts - 3rd and 4th Tuesdays - 5-8 PM

Boy Scouts - Every Thursday - 7-9 PM



JANUARY OFFERINGS

VANCO- \$1,548.19

Offering- \$1,914.00

Total- \$3,462.19



SUNDAY SERVANTS

February

February 4th - International Luncheon

Assistant: Birgitt Culver
Organist: Joan Tisbe
Usher: Barbara Cavanagh
Lector: Barbara Cavanagh

February 11th - Super Bowl Sunday

Assistant: Linda Worker
Organist: Teresa Tyce
Usher: Chris Williams
Lector: Linda Worker

February 14th - Ash Wednesday

Assistant: Irene Tatti
Organist: Joan Tisbe
Usher: Barbara Cavanagh
Lector: Barbara Cavanagh

February 18th

Assistant: Birgitt Culver
Organist: Teresa Tyce
Usher: Sylvia Walker
Lector: Birgitt Culver

February 25th

Assistant: Linda Worker
Organist: Joan Tisbe
Usher: Chris Williams
Lector: Linda Worker

February 27 - Lent

Assistant: Irene Tatti
Organist: Joan Tisbe
Usher: Barbara Cavanagh
Lector: Barbara Cavanagh

March 3rd

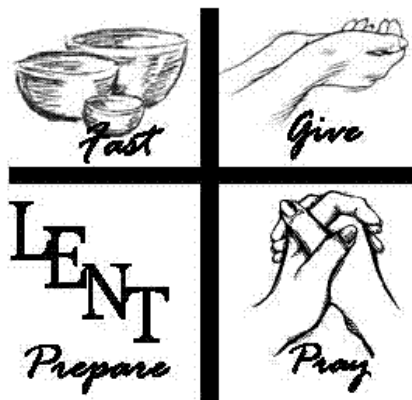
Assistant: Birgitt Culver
Organist: Chris Williams (back-up - Joan Tisbe)
Usher: Audra Morrison
Lector: Birgitt Culver



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Service will be on February 14th @ 7:00pm

LENTEN SERVICES



This years Lenten Services will be held:

Tuesdays Feb. 27th and March 12th. 7:00pm

Palm Sunday 3/24

Maundy Thursday 3/28 and Good Friday 3/29

Easter Services: 3/31

8am

9:15am Breakfast

11:00am

LADIES GUILD

Next Meeting:

2/21/24 @ 7:30pm

Carol Host

Altar Guild:

Joan Tisbe

**ALL LADIES ARE
INVITED!!!!!!**



Bring a dish from yours or your favorite heritage for our International Day Luncheon on February 4th following the service.

*Please bring dishes ready to be served or coordinate with the ladies guild if it needs to be cooked, you can use the stove or oven. All others hot dishes should be brought ready to be put in a sterno rack.

Upcoming:

2/4– International Luncheon

3/9– Chili Cookoff & BINGO

4/19 - SAVE THE DATE



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Next Council Meeting

February
14th after Ash Wed.
Service

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS
AND ANNIVERSARIES**

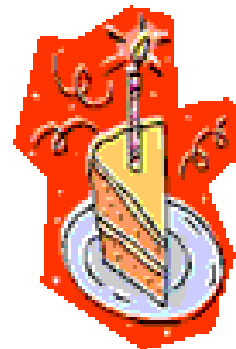
6– Amanda Walsh
7– Lorelai Lobbe
10– Diane Hoehn
14– Mark Culver
25– Danica Lupo/ Pat Toborg
26– Birgitt Culver/Carolynne Bayer
27– Judy Sillis

Church Council

President: Irene Tatti (845) 570-1060
Vice President: Chris Williams
Treasurer: Robert Walsh
Financial Secretary: Birgitt Culver
Secretary: Linda Worker
Church Administrator: Barbara Cavanagh (914)-282-9512
Elders: Irene Keenan, Jim Poesl
Trustees: Rich Campbell, Joe Cymerman
Sunday School Superintendent: Andrea Tyler

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

14– Robert Walsh
21– Gavin LaMonica



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