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Through Christ we put God first by teaching reaching and loving all!

The R E A C H O U T

March is the month we start our Lenten journey. We always provide a book of devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries to help you spend time with God. This year's title is Man of Sorrows, People of Joy written by Dr. Kari Vo. I think you will enjoy the walk to new growth and relationship with God. Please let me know how that goes for you this year?

I am sure you have heard the story about the woman who was given a beautiful dress that she put away to wear on a special occasion. She never wore the dress until she died. Her family put the dress on her for her funeral and to be buried. This story is supposed to get us to understand that life is short, and we should always think of every day as a special day. Wear the dress, use the fine China, and take the time for loved ones. Do not wait for your retirement to take that special trip. Take it now. Spend the time with loved ones, do it now!!

Some times I thought my parents did things the hard way. When we went on vacations, my mom and dad would not use a motorized scooter because only old people used them. Half-way through the park they would be completely done, just worn out, and they would be upset because they felt like they were a burden to us.

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RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

RE M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER**

ARTICLES IS

March 25

I used to try to figure out before we started, how do I work around their pride and fears of being a burden? I would plan the first part of the day at the back of the park and work our way to the front. We would be in the middle when they pooped out. We then put them at the center of the park, and we would go out with the kids and back to my parents. We had a blast and they were included. I would like to proclaim that plan worked great every time and it was easy, but it didn't always work. I wanted my kids to know their grandparents. I also had heard many people say they wished they had spent more time with their parents. I was not going to say that.

We had a huge loss this February. We lost Ryan Marino and my cousin Paul. Wow, that hit hard for me. Life is over in the blink of an eye. I wish in so many ways to connect with those around me. It is one thing to lose someone who has been on earth for 88 years, it is different to lose someone who is under the age of 40. What keeps us from realizing how important people are in our lives? Even in the clumsiness of our relationships we must prevail. We must give each other time. I know that when my cousin Paul was working on his spirituality, he would fuss with me on what it meant to be a child of God. How do we share that with each other? He understood how he was blessed and the certain ways he was blessed, but why would anyone else want him to share that, or how could he share that with others? I always explained that people needed to know how he was so confident, and how he could get through the cancer. What was keeping him so strong? He said simply, it is God.

Life is over in a blink of an eye. Be careful how you use it. You only get twenty-four hours in a day and if you waste time, you don't get more. When you lose it, you lose it. What could I have to offer those around us? First, we have grace, we ourselves have been given grace, therefore we can extend that to others. Second, we can give them time. Time to grow and time to make mistakes. Time is the most expensive and rare item in the world. Let's all find ways to work with and communicate with those around us.

Pastor Ralph

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
March 5th	2nd Sunday in Lent	purple	Genesis 12: 1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 John 3: 1-17	During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are a given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.
March 12th	3rd Sunday in Lent	purple	Exodus 17: 1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5: 1-11 John 4: 5-42	In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.
March 19th	4th Sunday in Lent	purple	1 Samuel 16: 1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5: 8-14 John 9: 1-41	Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.
March 26th	5th Sunday in Lent	purple	Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8: 6-11 John 11: 1-45	In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE MARCH

Serving in God's house	March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26
Lector 8:00 Lector 10:30	Nancy Crouse Pam Nock	Greg Razo Kathy Kramer	Nancy Crouse Sarah Ross	Greg Razo Pam Nock
Communion bread	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey
Chrema	Tammy Chuey Sarah Ross	Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards	Tammy Chuey Sandy Kuntz Sarah Ross	Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE APRIL

Serving in God's house	April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
Lector 8:00 Lector 10:30	Nancy Crouse Kathy Kramer	Greg Razo Sarah Ross	Nancy Crouse Pam Nock	Greg Razo Kathy Kramer	Nancy Crouse Sarah Ross
Communion bread	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey
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GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRESENTS

BARBER DRIVE BBQ'S FRIDAY LENTEN MENU

every Friday in Lent March 3 – March 31
drive thru only 3:00 – 7pm or until sold out



Fried or Baked Haddock Dinners:

Jumbo fried or jumbo baked haddock both served with coleslaw.
Your choice of 2 sides: haluski, artisan mac and cheese, pierogies with onions, buttered green beans, or French fries. \$15

Fried Clam or Fried Shrimp Dinners:

Fried clams or fried shrimp both served with coleslaw.
Your choice of 2 sides listed above. \$15

Optional Dinners:

Large portion of homemade meatless 5 cheese lasagna with red sauce
or vegetable lasagna with white sauce and a garlic roll - \$13
Pierogi and sauteed onion dinner with a garlic roll - \$11

Desserts:

Hot Apple Dumpling -or- New York Cheese
with cinnamon sauce with assorted toppings
two dessert choices available each week \$4

Our Prayer List



Joe Kreidler	Ruth Thompson	Brian Huddleston	In the military:
Brynn Peters	Darla Allen	Keith Martin	Alyssa
Anthony Chipperro	Maime Felger	Michael Haraway	Bryce Liberty
Irene Bentley	Patty Cavanaugh	Josh Harkleroad	Jakeb Fry
Terry Ward	Nora Sabella	Joe Dulovich	Lyndsey Miller
Debra Wrenn	Brooklyn Hostteter		
Nikki Arnes	Karen Winebolt		

Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :



4- Gus and Theresa Nemenz
27- Art and Barb Gray

March 5

Nathan Anderson
Amanda Andrews
Frank Ansevin
Gabriella Ansevin

March 12

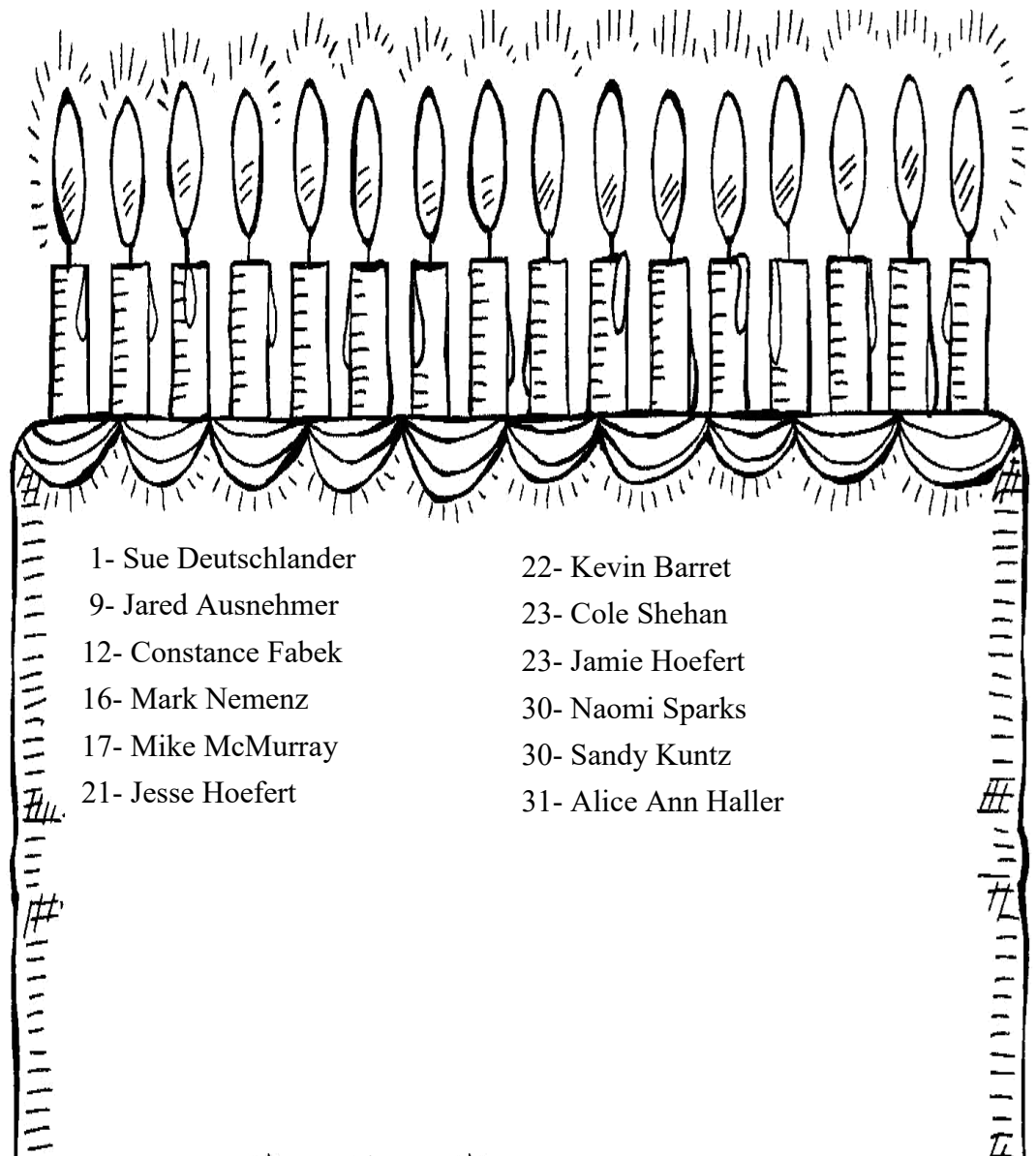
Kristen Ansevin
Landon Ansevin
Kelly Anzevino
Jennifer Aszalos

March 19

Abby Ausnehmer
David Ausnehmer
Jared Ausnehmer
Patty Ausnehmer

March 26

Tyler Ausnehmer
Kevin Barret
Nancy Barret
Irene Bentley



Ladies Tea Party Luncheon

Please RSVP to Wandy or Nanni



Introducing a new Women's Fellowship Group

April 1st
11:30 - 1:00⁺
at GHLC

This gathering is for all women of the church. It's not a team or a circle.

This is time for fun, food, and fellowship!

Please join us the 1st Saturday of each month beginning April 1st.

We will gather from 11:30am- 1pm.

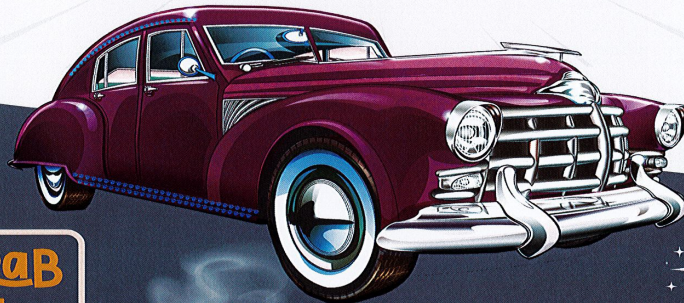


FUNDRAISER



GRAB & GO SOUP

BENEFITS THE COMMUNITY DAY CAMP OF NORTH LIMA



GRAB it FAST



SATURDAY, MARCH 18
11AM-1PM;
OR TILL SOLD OUT

DRIVE-THRU AT: CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
12062 SOUTH AVE., NORTH LIMA

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes February 21, 2023

present: Erik, Greg, Kevin, Mike, Kim, Carl, P. Ralph, Wendy

excused: Lauren and Nancy

Pastor's Report –February– 2023

Area of Focus Last Month:

- ◆ I had 20 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
- ◆ 1 Funeral David Schwartz
- ◆ I had 1 contact by phone for significant help.
- ◆ We had our regular number of Saturday night and Sunday morning services.
- ◆ Over the past month I have presided at 15 worship services and prepared 6 sermons.
- * Dec 25 – Jan 7th after church Wendy and Pastor on vacation– back before church on the 7th. Loetta Haller taking care of services Dec 31st and Jan 1st.
- * Dec 31 Worship 5PM
- * Jan 1, 2023 Worship 8AM & 10:30AM
- * Jan 11, 18, 25, Bible Study 6PM- Ecclesiastes & Song of Songs or Song of Solomon- 11th Ecclesiastes Chapter 1-4, 18th Chapter 5-9, 25th Song of Songs Chapter 1-12.

Secretary's Report:

Printed and distributed tax statements

Changed paraments

Answered calls for 3 c's

Updated electronic sign

Organized clothing shed

Completed office duties

Prepared agenda and reports for council and took minutes

Prepared bulletins and power point services

Prepared and distributed the Reachout

Faxed all bills and statements to Erik

Old Business:

- a. Mike will look into organizing a car show as a fund raiser. Carl will check with Bob. A team will be put together to report the information back to council.
- b. Kevin, Nancy, Stephanie, and Lauren have completed the 2022 audit. All was balanced.
- c. P. Ralph will contact Olan Mills for a presentation to council to have a picture directory made after Easter. We will need volunteers to help this project run smoothly.

New business:

- a. Erik reports that he can now access Good Hope's checking account. He presents an estimate from Payroll Pros for them to process the payroll. Mike motions to hire Payroll Pros to process the payroll and taxes. Carl seconds. Motion carried.

Kevin led the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting.

Congregational Meeting Minutes for February 12, 2023

Greg called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Greg asked for questions or statements about the yearly reports and there were none.

For the Good of the Church:

- Pastor Ralph states that Erik Kochanowski is our new treasurer. He started at the beginning of the year.
- Pastor Ralph suggests fundraisers or sharing expenses with another church to earn funds for Good Hope. He's not asking for more weekly offering because everyone is already giving. The goal is to pay back our savings account.
- Pastor Ralph states that he appreciates this congregation for their support and for allowing him to offer help to others. We are vital to this community. Good Hope gives abundantly!
- Pastor Ralph will be training other clergy in New Philadelphia at the end of this month. They have asked him to teach them how to serve people in addiction. He is also planning to start a 12-step program at Good Hope later this year.
- Loetta asked what information goes on Good Hope's Facebook account. Pastor Ralph explained that he posts our dinner flyers to reach a different audience. He also said that the same information is given out by one call.
- Loetta asked for a current directory of members. Wendy is working on this and it will be emailed out to the congregation at the end of the week. There will also be printed copies in the Narthex.
- Pastor Ralph would like the next project to be brightening up the front of the church. These will be LED lights around the flagpole and bell tower. The estimate for this is about \$2,000.
- Adam has installed new computers in the main office and the recording room along with many new cables and updated programs. The cost was only \$200 for the new hard drives. He donated everything else plus his time. Pastor Ralph thanks the Haller family for introducing Adam to Good Hope.

Kevin led the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting.



Treasurer's Report for January 2023

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual this period	Actual this year to date	Annual Budget remaining
Income	\$16,727.34	\$16,727.34	This will be on the next report.
Expense	\$10,254.56	\$10,254.56	
Net Total	\$6,472.78	\$6,472.78	

Mark Your Calendar

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - Lenten Fish Fry provided by Barber Drive BBQ. Drive through 3 – 7pm.

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – Lent worship at 7pm.

March 18– Grab and go Soup at Calvary United Methodist 11am—1pm to benefit the Community Day Camp.

April 2 – Palm Sunday

April 6 – Maundy Thursday worship 7pm.

April 7 – Good Friday worship 7pm.

April 8 - Easter Vigil

April 9 - Easter Sunday

****Special Notes****

The 2023 offering envelopes are scheduled to be here by the end of March.

There are extra envelopes in the backs of the pews for you to use if you wish.

Bible study will start back up April 19. We will be studying Isaiah chapters 1-10. Pastor Ralph will send a reminder email. If you are not on the email list and want to be, please let Wendy know.

Used greeting cards:

Used greeting cards are collected all year long. Please put them in the container on the table in the Narthex. These cards are donated to the Alzheimer facility so they can be used to make crafts.

Proceeds from the Beef Tips and Noodles dinner were \$619. We really enjoyed being able to have dinner together in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support!

SRCCC is asking us along with the other local churches to collect laundry detergent. If you wish to contribute, please bring your donations to the Narthex.

*****Thank You*****

Thank you to everyone who brought in pet food and supplies for our Furry Friends collection. Your generous donations filled two trucks again! Thank you! Everything was taken to Animal Charity. Thank you Penny and Pogo for delivering to them!

The dinner team asked for desserts for the Beef Tips Dinner and received a ton of delicious pies, cookies, and other desserts. Thank you very much!

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OPEN HOUSE
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Worship Services

Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM & noon

Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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