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

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February 14<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday, from dust you came and to dust you shall return. With all my Love God! Chocolate heart chocolate heart. This year my suggestion would be to celebrate Valentines Day the weekend before or after because the 14<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday. I don't know how you feel or what you feel about Valentines Day, but this year we will have a little from dust you came and to dust you shall return. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of lent. Lent is 40 days of prayers, fasting, and giving to the poor. Now the 40 days of lent do not include Sundays. Sundays we are allowed to celebrate the eucharist.

Ash Wednesday is a day when the church helps us to remember how fragile life is as we sometimes forget that point. We can be gone in the blink of an eye. After the death of a loved one I have heard many times, "I was just talking to them an hour ago". We must always be ready; we don't know the hour. We must remember to keep alert and let people know how much we love them. We also then have lent.

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Lent is that time, with prayer and fasting, we remember our connection with God. We take this time to discern those things that separate us from God and get rid of them. We align our lives with the will of God. Keeping our focus on Christ and helping others see Him too. We use prayer to connect, and fasting to know, that we really need to serve God and take care of our bodies. We give up those things we use to pamper ourselves and reach out with our abundance to give others what they need. Maybe it is some of our time? Maybe it is our resources? Maybe it is understanding and just recognition.

So, let's go over this again for those who know it well, and for the new people here. Each year I hear it again and again, what is the most important thing?? Why are we doing any of this and asking how is what I have decided to do help me get closer to God???

Prayer and discernment. Take time to slow down and spend time with God. Be in thoughtful prayer. Fasting! Fasting is not something we celebrate or show everyone. It is like tithing. It is between you and God. So many people want to crinkle their face and express I gave up this or I gave up that. We are to rejoice in all things. I should not know what you are giving up. Unless you want an accountability partner to help you be accountable. It is not just about giving things up. You could add something. Like maybe bible study or bible reading. When you give up something that costs money, give what it would have cost to the poor. Remember, it is about connecting to God. Also remember that He said, when you do this for the least of these you did it to me. So, you give up smoking for lent. You take what you would have spent on cigarettes and give it to the poor. Let's say you give up lunch during lent, that gives you a double chance to connect with God. The money you save from not eating goes to the poor and the time you spent on eating lunch you read the Bible. Maybe you go for the trifecta. You give what you would have spent on lunch to the poor and you take a walk to do good for your body and you pray while you walk to talk to God. Boom! Three-in-one Lenten discipline. Isn't this exciting? I love this so much; I start it before Ash Wednesday.

You know I get excited about this stuff. So, lets recap. Look into your life and find those things that separate you from God. Find those things and work through them and reconnect to God. During lent do extra things to connect with God and strengthen you, mind, body, and spirit. Have fun with it. Enjoy your time with God. Bless and be blessed during your Lenten journey. Please take your flash light (Jesus). We all need to do better at walking with God. We each have things we can do to stay close to God. The church gives us Lent to do that, what a gift.

This year we will have Imposition of Ashes from 11am to 1pm on Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup>. We will have Imposition of Ashes and worship at 7pm on February 14. We will then have bible study every Wednesday at 6pm. Maundy Thursday we will have communion and the strip the table, and then Good Friday Worship at 7pm. Hope to see you there and God bless.

*Pastor Ralph*

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Wednesday February 14 - 11am-1pm

Ash Wednesday worship 7pm

Scriptures:

Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17

Psalm 51: 1-17

2 Corinthians 5: 20b--6:10

Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21



St. Pauly Textile, Inc.



### Good Hope Lutheran Church

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! We're excited to share with you the impact your clothing shed made over the last year...

- 36,253 pounds of clothing were donated to your shed in 2023
- This was enough to clothe an estimated 6,678 people all over the world
- Based on this volume of clothing, your organization received \$1,450

Thank you so much for everything you, your volunteers, and your communities do to support the clothing shed program!

Sincerely,  
The Team at  
St. Pauly Textile, Inc.

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE FEBRUARY

| Serving in God's house | February 4                                   | February 11                | February 18                | February 25                 |
|------------------------|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Lector 8:00            | Greg Razo                                    | Nancy Crouse               | Greg Razo                  | Nancy Crouse                |
| Lector 10:30           | Kathy Kramer                                 | Andy Tesyk                 | Kathy Kramer               | Andy Tesyk                  |
| Communion bread        | Tammy Chuey                                  | Tammy Chuey                | Tammy Chuey                | Tammy Chuey                 |
| Chrema                 | Nancy Barret<br>Wendy Edwards<br>Tammy Chuey | Nancy Barret<br>Andy Tesyk | Sandy Kuntz<br>Tammy Chuey | Wendy Edwards<br>Andy Tesyk |

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE MARCH

| Serving in God's house | March 3                                      | March 10                   | March 17                   | March 24                    | March 31                      |
|------------------------|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Lector 8:00            | Greg Razo                                    | Nancy Crouse               | Greg Razo                  | Nancy Crouse                | Greg Razo                     |
| Lector 10:30           | Kathy Kramer                                 | Andy Tesyk                 | Kathy Kramer               | Andy Tesyk                  | Kathy Kramer                  |
| Communion bread        | Loetta Haller                                | Loetta Haller              | Loetta Haller              | Loetta Haller               | Loetta Haller                 |
| Chrema                 | Nancy Barret<br>Wendy Edwards<br>Tammy Chuey | Nancy Barret<br>Andy Tesyk | Sandy Kuntz<br>Tammy Chuey | Wendy Edwards<br>Andy Tesyk | Wendy Edwards<br>Nancy Barret |

# Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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| DATE          | EVENT                       | COLOR  | READINGS  | INTRODUCTION   |
|---------------|-----------------------------|--------|---|--|
| February 4th  | 5th Sunday after Epiphany   | green  | Isaiah 40: 21-31<br>Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c<br>1 Corinthians 9: 16-23<br>Mark 1: 29-39 | In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.   |
| February 11th | Transfiguration of Our Lord | white  | 2 Kings 2: 1-12<br>Psalm 50: 1-6<br>2 Corinthians 4: 3-6<br>Mark 9: 2-9             | The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see. |
| February 18th | 1st Sunday in Lent          | purple | Genesis 9: 8-17<br>Psalm 25: 1-10<br>1 Peter 3: 18-22<br>Mark 1: 9-15               | On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.  |
| February 25th | 2nd Sunday in Lent          | purple | Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16<br>Psalm 22: 23-31<br>Romans 4: 13-25<br>Mark 8: 31-38       | The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.  |



## Renovations at Good Hope are well under way!

The Herk's Flooring crew is replacing the flooring under the pews and installing new carpet in the sanctuary this week. It looks beautiful!

The MTR Construction crew is painting the offices, Narthex, Chapel, and restrooms this week. The new color is bright and refreshing!

The projects are being done in sections so that we can have worship services as usual. All should be finished by end of February.

# Our Prayer List



|                |                  |                    |                  |
|----------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Joe Kreidler   | Carol Jean Horst | Lindsey Hospodar   | Bobbi McMurray   |
| Patty Dickey   | Floyd Welker     | Stan Huddleston    | Vicki Porcase    |
| Alison Dobro   | Donald Stoffer   | Emerson Grace      | Cheryl Lyda      |
| Savannah Popio | Joey Biroshak    | Norm Deckant       | Ruth McMurray    |
| Janet Chittock | Ernie Gayge      | David O'Neil       | In the military: |
| Dennis Grant   | David Pollo      | Greg Razo          | Alyssa           |
| Terry Ward     | James            | Samir & Kristen    | Bryce Liberty    |
| Checker Ward   | Oliver Coldiron  | Joe & Debbie Wrenn | Jakeb Fry        |
| Jamie          | Erin Shoemaker   | John & Pam Nock    | Lyndsey Miller   |
|                |                  |                    | Daniel McMurray  |

Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :



14- Jim & Linda Lude  
27- Art & Barb Gray

## February 4

Adam Popio  
Alyssa Popio  
Gianna Popio  
Ivana Popio

## February 11

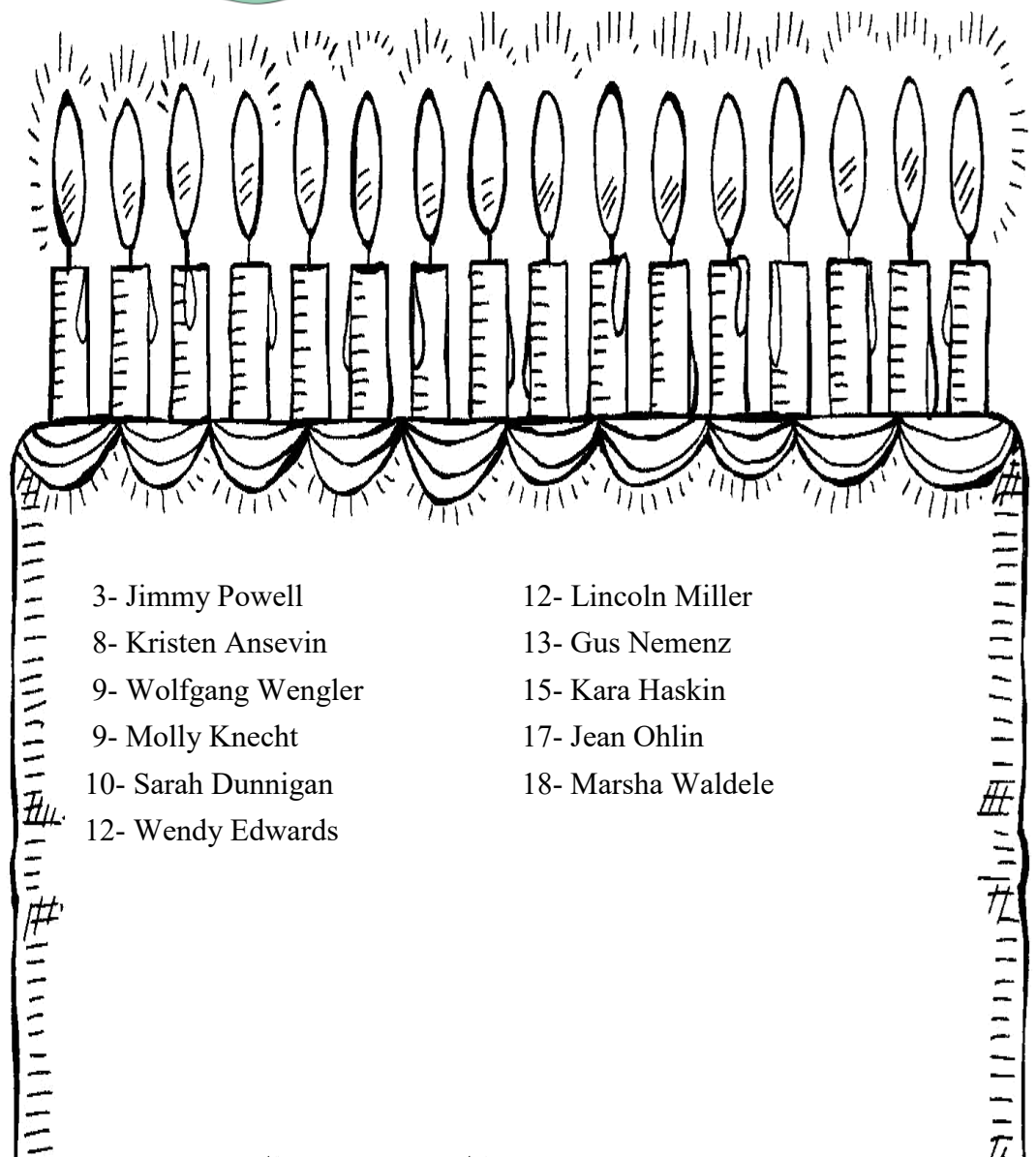
Savannah Popio  
Amber Powell  
Carter Powell  
Jim Powell

## February 18

Jimmy Powell  
Mark Powell  
Chelsea Razo  
Chelsea Razo

## February 25

Eleanor Razo  
Evelyn Razo  
Greg Razo  
Jared Razo



3- Jimmy Powell

8- Kristen Ansevin

9- Wolfgang Wengler

9- Molly Knecht

10- Sarah Dunnigan

12- Wendy Edwards

12- Lincoln Miller

13- Gus Nemenz

15- Kara Haskin

17- Jean Ohlin

18- Marsha Waldele

# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council held a special meeting January 9th to choose paint for the Narthex and Sanctuary. They agreed to allow Ken Lude to choose the cove base color. Present were Mark, Kim, Carl, Natalie, Jean, Wendy, Chris, and Pastor Ralph. Lauren and Mike were excused.

## Council Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2024

present: Lauren, Chris, Kim, Carl, Natalie, Jean, Mark, P. Ralph, Wendy

excused: Mike

P. Ralph opened the meeting with prayer.

Council will begin moving furniture and taking everything off the walls on Wednesday, January 17, at 6pm. Pastor Ralph will send out a one call to invite the congregation to help. Bible study will be moved to 5pm for this week.

## Pastor's Report –January– 2024

Area of Focus Last Month:

- ◆ I had 20 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
- ◆ Memorial 1- Ron & Staci Solvesky
- ◆ I had 15 contacts 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 16 worship services and prepared 6 sermons.
- Dec 3 First Sunday in Advent
- Dec 10 Second Sunday in Advent
- Dec 11 Pastor Surgery
- Dec 17 Third Sunday in Advent
- Dec 24 Forth Sunday in Advent
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services 7pm and 11pm
- Dec 25 Wendy and Pastor passed out candy at Teen Challenge
- Dec 26-Jan 3 Wendy and Pastor Ralph Vacation
- Dec 30-31 Kathy will take care of worship services.

## Secretary's Report:

Attended confirmation classes

Volunteered at Christmas Festival

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

All bills and statements to Naomi



**Old Business:**

- a. Lauren will look at Canva to see if it's able to produce a picture directory. Wendy will show Lauren the Realm program so she can compare them.
- b. The sidewalks have been temporarily patched by Jordan Razo. Pastor Ralph will get a quote for the removal and replacement of the sidewalks for the May meeting.
- c. Painting will start in the sanctuary Tuesday, January 23, and should be finished the next day. Twenty gallons of Antique Pearl have been ordered at Crouse's.
- d. Replacing the vinyl tile under the pews will start Wednesday, January 24, and then they will work in sections to replace the carpet.

**New Business:**

- a. The next congregational meeting will be held Saturday, January 10th at 6pm in the sanctuary. On the agenda are the end of the year reports and ideas for the good of the church going forward.
- b. Christopher Herubin, financial secretary, has turned in his resignation letter. Pastor Ralph motions to accept Naomi Sparks to fill the financial secretary position as this position no longer counts or deposits the weekly offering. Jean seconds. Motion carried. Wendy will let Naomi know she is accepted.

**Miscellaneous:**

Mark asked for the council to bring fresh-thinking ideas to the next meeting. He would like to focus on the economic foundation of the church, Good Hope's presence in the community, and ways to grow the church.

Lauren led the Lord's prayer to close the meeting.



### Treasurer's Report December 1- December 31, 2023

| Negative shown in parentheses | Actual      | Budget      | Budget remaining |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Income                        | \$17,576.04 | \$16,535.00 | (\$1,041.04)     |
| Expense                       | \$15,598.47 | \$16,734.69 | \$1,136.22       |
| Net Total                     | \$1,977.57  | (\$199.69)  | (\$2,177.26)     |

## **\*Mark Your Calendar\***

**February 9 & 23-** Fish Fry drive through. Dinners \$15. Desserts \$4.

**February 14-** Imposition of ashes 11am- 1pm in the sanctuary.

**February 14-** Ash Wednesday worship 7pm

**February 17-** Good Hope's Soup Sale -drive through- \$8 per quart

**March 2-** Furry Friends collection starts

## **\*\*Office Notes\*\***

Giving statements are available to be picked up at the church this weekend. Any that are not picked up by Monday the 29th will be mailed out to you.

Saturday, February 17th, we will have a soup sale instead of the annual Beef Tips and Noodles Dinner. There will be several soups and chili to choose from. The sale will be drive through only. If you wish to make a soup to donate for the sale, please let Wendy know. 330-718-6228  
Pastor Ralph will send out a one call with the kinds of soup and the time of the sale.

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.

Bible study is being held every Wednesday at 6pm in the Chapel. We are currently discussing Ezekiel. All are welcome!

## **\*\*\*Thank You\*\*\***

Thank you to all who came to help move everything so the church can be painted and new carpet put in. We were finished in record time thanks to having this amazing team of workers!

*Thank you for your donation of non peristables and paper products. We greatly appreciate your loving support of our organization.*

*South Park Council  
of Church and Comm.*

**Developing Personal Connections with God  
Women's Retreat at Camp Frederick - Rogers, OH**

**Friday Feb 9 5PM - Saturday Feb 10 5PM**

**In this 24 hours you will receive instruction and participate in a variety of prayer techniques to assist you to be available to God's presence.**

**Led by Rev Larry Klinker and friends.**

**This will include:**

**BODY PRAYER: Devotional Yoga, the Lord's Prayer, praying with beads**

**SOUND AND SILENCE: Chanting, sitting in silence, singing bowl**

**PRAYER WITH SCRIPTURE: Lectio Divina**

**GUIDED IMAGERY: Interior Seeing. Exterior Seeing - candles, icons**

**We conclude Saturday with a service in the outdoor chapel (weather permitting) or indoors (weather not permitting)**

**There will be healthy, whole-food meals provided. Snacks will be available. Dietary needs will be honored. No alcohol permitted.**

**There will be opportunity built into the schedule to explore camp, all 100 acres, so bring footwear and clothing for the outdoors.**

**Sleeping quarters have two options:**

**Four rooms have 2 twin beds per room (\$30 per bed)**

**Four rooms have double beds for (\$60 and can be shared)**

**Bedding is provided.**

**To register or ask questions please contact:**

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Return Services Requested

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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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