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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

Well, this is the second time I started to write this front page. I started to type my front page and it was filled up with negativity. You might ask how does that happen, you are a pastor of a church, you should not let those things affect you. But they do. Shake it off. What do you see when you see our church? What is important to us as a church? What is your part in that mission? What is the mission? Why do you come to church? What do you believe?

This Lenten season I really want us all to reexamine why we are here. This place on the corner of route 165 and 7. What is the purpose of the church? What is your part in that purpose? Forty days not counting Sundays. Let do this! I am so excited. We all have to start somewhere. You are not wrong if you are where someone else is. You have to find your path and your place. The question is, what do you desire? Do you want to do more and what would that look like?

This Lenten season let's start where you are right now. Give up something that is weighting you down. Search your heart. Find that something you desire more than God. Pray that the Holy Spirit joins you in this discovery.

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Then once you find it, let it go as part of your Lenten devotions. Spend more time with God. Maybe a Bible Study you have seen on-line. Or maybe you use the devotional that we present on Ash Wednesday. Now go through the devotional. Do it daily and if you miss a day just fight as hard as you can to not miss two days in a row. God is with you and waiting to hear from you and, more importantly, waiting for you to listen. This is the time to do that. Find time to sit alone for a short while in silence asking for God to speak.

I would love if you could find time to come to church during the Lenten worship on Wednesday evenings. We meet here at 6P.M. Continuing in the Covenant of Baptism: A Midweek Plan for Lent.

Living Our Baptism...Five gifts of the discipleship Gracious God Send your Holy Spirit. Awaken in me the gifts of discipleship:

To live among God's faithful people;

To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper;

To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed;

To serve all people, following the example of Jesus;

To strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Amen

We begin on March 5th at 7P.M. with our Ash Wednesday service. We will start with Imposition of Ashes. Then we will talk about giving up things or adding things. We will talk about baptism and what it is in our life and finally, we will talk about discipleship. Where do you fit?

Where do you belong? Most of all you need to spend time with God. Know God's voice. How does God speak to you? What do you expect from God and what do you expect from the church? When we can answer that and when we can look at what God is saying through the scriptures, we learn God's voice and we can follow with joy and peace.

Hope to see you this Lenten season either on Saturday or Sunday worship and Wednesdays.

Pastor Ralph

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
March 2nd	Transfiguration of Our Lord	white	Exodus 34: 29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2 Luke 9: 28-43a	Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.
March 9th	1st Sunday in Lent	purple	Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16 Romans 10: 8b-13 Luke 4: 1-13	These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.
March 16th	2nd Sunday in Lent	purple	Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3: 17--4:1 Luke 13: 31-35	Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."
March 23rd	3rd Sunday in Lent	purple	Isaiah 55: 1-9 Psalm 63: 1-8 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 Luke 13: 1-9	The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!
March 30th	4th Sunday in Lent	purple	Joshua 5: 9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32	The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

MARCH

Serving in God's house	March 2	March 9	March 16	March 23	March 30
Lector 8:00	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Greg Razo
Lector 10:30 Liturgy	Kathy Kramer Pastor Ralph	Andy Tesyk	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk Pastor Ralph	Kathy Kramer
Communion bread	Marion Meyer	Marion Meyer	Marion Meyer	Marion Meyer	Marion Meyer
Altar Guild	Andy Tesyk	Andy Tesyk	Andy Tesyk	Andy Tesyk	Andy Tesyk
Chrema	Andy Tesyk Wendy Edwards Tammy Chuey	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk	Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Tammy Chuey	Wendy Edwards Andy Tesyk	need

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

APRIL

Serving in God's house	April 6	April 13	April 20	April 27
Lector 8:00 Liturgy	Nancy Crouse Pastor Ralph	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Greg Razo Pastor Ralph
Lector 10:30 Liturgy	Andy Tesyk Pastor Ralph	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk	Kathy Kramer Pastor Ralph
Communion bread	Charlie Scheffert	Charlie Scheffert	Charlie Scheffert	Charlie Scheffert
Altar Guild	Andy Tesyk	Andy Tesyk	Andy Tesyk	Andy Tesyk
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ASH WEDNESDAY

You may receive ashes March 5th from 11am- 1pm.

Ashes will also be available at the 7pm worship on March 5th.

Clare, Charlie, and
Codie Scheffert
New members as of
March 2024



LENT WORSHIP WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM

Continuing in the Covenant of Baptism

March 12- To Live Among God's People

March 19- To Hear the Word of God and Share in the Lord's Supper

March 26- To Proclaim the Good News of God in Christ Through Word and Deed

April 2- To Serve All People, Following the Example of Jesus

April 9- To Strive for Justice and Peace in All the Earth

Join us immediately following the worship for sandwiches and drinks.

Lent devotion books are available in the Narthex.

Our Prayer List

Ruth Thompson	Michael Smith	Aubree Tukalo	Andy Tesyk
Maria Neopolitan	Kerry Gumbs	Westen	Michael Rogenski
Ava Viviano	Jeff Waldele	Mason Shaw	Don Coburn
Debbie Haines	Janet Chittock	Alice Kreidler	In the military:
Linda Lude	Bruce Holisky	Judy Powell	Alyssa
Gary Elliot	Jack Parillo	Wayne Graham	Bryce Liberty
			Jakeb Fry
			Daniel McMurray



Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :

March 2

Amy Hiland
Layla Hill
Jamie Hoefert
Jesse Hoefert

March 9

Laurie Hoefert
Karen Holisky
Carol Jean Horst
Eugene Hostetter

March 16

Karli Hostetter
Bryan Hum
Cameron Hum
Eric Hum

March 23

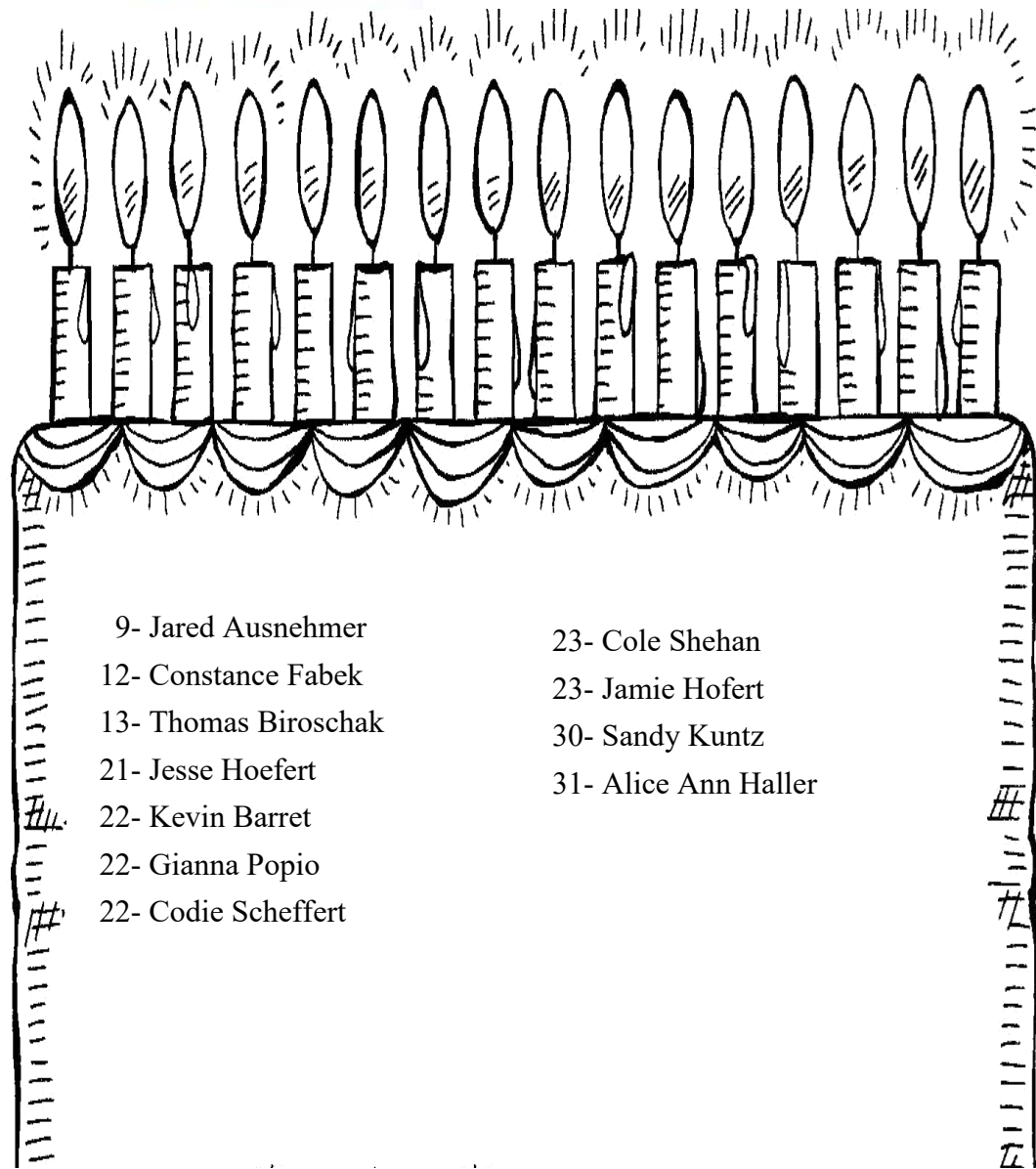
Gloria Hum
Rachel Hum
Valerie Hum
Michael Hutton

March 30

Joan Keaggy
William Keaggy
Kelsey Klim
Konnor Klim



4- Gus and Theresa Nemenz





SUNDAY
SCHOOL
FUN!!



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2025

present: Pastor Ralph, Carl, Mark, Wendy, Ken

excused: Andy and Greg

resigned: Kim Ohlin

Pastor Ralph opened the meeting with prayer.

Pastor's Report –February– 2025

Area of Focus Last Month:

I had 20 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.

I had 15 contacts by phone for significant help.

We had our regular number of Saturday night and Sunday morning services.

In the past month I have presided at 12 worship services and prepared 4 sermons.

- Jan 1 No Bible Study
- Jan 2 No Confirmation
- Jan 3 Family Faith Breakfast
- Jan 3, 17, 31 Fish Fry @ Shaker woods
- Jan 8 Worship, Communion and Anointing at Briarfield Place
- Jan 12 Mission Trip Testimony Philippines Mission Music and Testimony
- Jan 12 Mission Trip Testimony Sunday School games and testimony
- Jan 12 What a Man Says Video Pastor Ralph Records
- Jan 15 Bible Study Starts back up 11AM
- Jan 18 Men of Faith Breakfast
- Jan 22 Intro to Bible Starts at 12PM
- ♦ Jan 25 Levites

Secretary's Report:

Chili dinner- Jan. 18

Sunday School- Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26

Confirmation classes- Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29

Changed paraments

Restocked supplies in pews

Answered calls for 3 c's

Updated electronic sign

Organized clothing shed

Emailed reports and meeting minutes to council

Completed office duties

Prepared bulletins and power point services

Prepared and distributed the Reachout

All bills and statements to Naomi

Old Business:

a. Beef tips proceeds- \$1,525

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New Business:

- a. The signatories for the church bank accounts will stay the same for 2025.
- b. Pastor Ralph is looking for someone to lead the hymns. Please let him know if you are interested.
- c. Due to increased responsibilities at work, Kim has resigned from council.
- d. Mark and Kelly have completed the anointing class. Pastor Ralph motions to add Mark and Kelly Shaffer to the anointing team. Ken seconds. Motion carried.
- e. Pastor Ralph motions to enter Kaciann Coss to Good Hope's membership as of February 22, 2025. She will be baptized at the 5pm worship. Carl seconds. Motion carried.

Dinners:

- a. pancakes- Spring
- b. ice cream social- Summer
- c. fish fry during Lent
- d. lasagna
- e. Council wants the dinner team to hold their own meetings, separate from council, and then have someone report to council.

Outreach/ Fundraisers:

- a. 5k race
- b. corn hole tournament
- c. auction
- d. rummage sale- May
- e. Kelly Shaffer has offered to teach Wendy how to advertise on social media.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Treasurer's Report January 1- January 31, 2025

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual	Budget	Budget remaining
Income	\$11,281.47	\$16,163.34	\$4,881.87
Expense	\$10,550.52	\$17001.68	\$6451.16
Net Total	\$730.95	(\$838.34)	(\$1,569.29)

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:

January	February	March
5- 59	2- 53	
12- 51	9- 59	
19- 53	16- 56	
26- 59	23- 99	

Mark Your Calendar

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30- Family Sunday School 9:15am

March 5- Imposition of Ashes 11am- 1pm

March 5- Ash Wednesday worship and Imposition of ashes 7pm

March 5, 19, 26- Bible study at 11am

March 5- Faith and Lead Bible Study 1:00pm

March 12- Worship at Briarfield Place 11am

March 15, 22, 29- Lenten Fish Dinners at Good Hope 4pm- 6pm

March 19, 26- Faith and Lead Bible Study 12:30pm

March 29- Levites at Mt. Olivet breakfast 9am

***The regular Bible Study is being held in the chapel on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays at 11am. The second Wednesday of the month we go to Briarfield Place for worship. All are invited.**

***The Faith and Lead Bible study is held on Wednesdays at 12:30pm. You may join in person or by zoom. Please use the zoom link below.**

***Please note the time change for the Faith and Lead on the 5th.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94263012735?pwd=UIA0L1FjMEpDT0ZWQUdsY250VzIUUT09>



REBUILD AND EQUIP : Calling ALL Soldiers

Saturday March 22nd from 9am- 1pm ~~free event and free childcare

Pastor Ralph has a table for Good Hope.

****Thank You****

-Thank you for donating desserts for the Beef Tips dinner!

Proceeds were \$1,525!

-Thank you to all who provided dessert and stayed to have lunch with the men of Teen Challenge!

-We had our best pet supplies collection ever! Thank you for being so generous!



Thank you for helping us buy a farm!

Confirmation class 2025:

Donovan, Kevin, Sam, Ava, Khloe, and Aza

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**LENTEN FISH FRY AT GOOD HOPE**

**MARCH 15- 22- 29**

**4PM ~ 6PM**

**GREG RAZO HAS PUT TOGETHER A TEAM TO HAVE A FISH FRY AT GOOD HOPE DURING LENT. THERE WILL BE A TRAILER IN THE PARKING LOT AND PEOPLE TO TAKE YOUR ORDER.**

**DRIVE THROUGH ONLY**



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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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