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Lenten 2023

And just like that, it's February. Lent is upon us and soon we'll see signs of spring. Time marches on. There doesn't seem to be an opportunity to slow down, much less stop and ponder the disciplines of Lent: fasting, giving, devotion, and service.

Perhaps this year might be different. Perhaps we can think of what we can put aside for a few minutes a day and replace it with something else. Perhaps we can set aside one or two cups of coffee a week, and send the money to a charity. Maybe we can take ten minutes each day to write a note to a mentor from our youth, and say thank you. Perhaps a ten-minute dive into Week2Week (weekly lectionary-based devotion available on our web site), and hear God's direction for the day. There are a lot of possibilities.

LENT is not solely about giving up a bad habit and replacing it with a good one. It is not a 40-day self-improvement process. However, it is about opening ourselves to the possibilities of a deeper relationship with God. So, in that understanding, LENT is more about what we "take on" in our faith formation with God.

I encourage you to be intentional in a Lenten discipline in 2023. It can lead you to a new and exciting celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord.

Pastor John

SHROVE TUESDAY CELEBRATION



Join in the fun and celebration of Shrove Tuesday! The Lutheran Men-In-Mission will prepare pancakes and bacon meal, along with some fruits, sides, and hard-boiled eggs. There will be fun, games, and fellowship.

Shrove Tuesday, also called *Fat Tuesday*, *Mardi Gras*, and many other names around the world, is a traditionally the Tuesday before ASH WEDNESDAY.

Communities celebrate by preparing foods rich in butter, fat, sugar, eggs, etc. knowing that the next 40 days of Lent will be days of fasting. **Come, enjoy the time together!**

ASH WEDNESDAY, WED. FEB. 22



A reflective time of worship, with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

We are reminded that “we are dust, and to dust we shall return.” It is the beginning of the season of Lent – a time of penitence, prayer, fasting and discipleship leading to Holy Week and Easter.



Week2Week will help you connect worship throughout the week. It is designed to consider the scripture readings from each Sunday. Monday-Wednesday will help you reflect on the previous Sunday. Thursday-Saturday look toward the next Sunday.

You can find them on Sunday as a bulletin insert, in the gathering space, or download one from the church [website](#).



LENTEN WORSHIP AND DEVOTIONS

Times for Lenten worship, fellowship, and devotion will be available at St. James this year during Lent.

Wednesday Evenings during Lent (each week, from March 1 – March 29th).

5:45 - 6:15 pm

Soup and Sandwich meal available in Fellowship Hall. An opportunity to meet others, have conversation, and build relationships.

6:30 pm

A time of meditation, prayer, and worship, concluding with *Holden Evening Prayer*. (*Theme not yet fully developed.*) In Fellowship Hall.

Weekly devotional from Pastor John

A video will be available via St. James YouTube Channel each week on Thursday that will include some of the material from the Wed. night series. A transcript will be available as well, if you have difficulty with internet access.

For Children and Families

The NC Synod is providing a kit of take-home activities and devotions for children (toddler – 5th grade). The kit includes temporary tattoos for Ash Wednesday, daily prayer faith practice, prayer candle, and booklet. These kits will be available for families by Ash Wednesday.



Congratulations to Jesse and Dan Hewins, proud parents of Henry, born January 20, 2023.

Remember this family in prayer as they adjust to this new season of life.

WHITT BAPTISM

Rob and Kelly Whitt will celebrate the baptism of their son, William, on Sunday, February 19th. Kelli's father, Rev. Carey Miller, will be assisting with the baptism.



Starting on Sunday, Jan 29th, choir rehearsals will be on Sundays (right after church) until Ash Wednesday.

On Ash Wednesday (February 22nd) we will resume choir practices on Wednesdays (on that Wednesday, immediately after the Ash Wednesday service).

After that it's back to 7pm on Wednesdays.



Handbells Practice will restart on the first Sunday in Lent (Feb 26th).

Box Tops for Crossnore School



Women of the ELCA have long supported Crossnore School, for children that have no where else to go. They are the 100 year old orphanage in Boone that we have helped buy score boards, refrigerators and even a van at one time. The educational labels are easy to gather for the use of the school. Now there is an even easier way to send them. You can still give them to Tonie but if you are ready for a new way, here it is for you.

St. James women have been "doers" for years. We still know we are called.

Box Tops have gone digital! And once you are all set up with the app, the process is easy! Just scan your receipt!

To get started:

1. Download the "Box Tops for Education" App on your phone.
2. Create a free account using your email address and creating a password.
3. Find Crossnore School. Search by their name "Williams Academy" or by the zipcode 28616. (They are not listed as Crossnore)
4. Complete your profile with your name, birthdate and zip code.
5. Press the scan button to take a picture of your receipt.
6. Earn money for Crossnore School!

Some of Social Ministry's Branches....



1. It's not just quilting---
We started as a quilting team, but now we do so much more. Quilts & masks at the beginning of Covid; fidget blankets, bags for walkers, string bags for children in care to use for personnel items, corn hole bags for group homes, and of course quilts (baptismal, nursing homes, shut ins , any-place there is a need) etc, etc, etc

There is plenty of fellowship, we watch people's faces light up when they see what we have given them, we fill needs for different agencies, we have numerous people give us supplies for the different projects.

We try our best to be the hands and feet of GOD and to share HIS love.

2. "Comfort Blankets"
We support the *Child Advocacy Center (CAC)* with their "Comfort Blanket" program.
The only function of this team is to make "Comfort Blankets" for the CAC who along with their partner agencies provide support to abused children.
The sole purpose of this ministry is to show a child that they ARE special and they ARE loved.

Congratulations to our newly elected Executive Team:



Charles Lee, President;

Nancy Oliver, Vice President;

Jordan Slaymaker, Secretary.

Thank you to our outgoing team: Tonie Neal (former president),
Ruth Ann Crecelius (former vice president) Amanda Rea (former secretary)



Our 10:00 Sunday worship service is being streamed live, and is also available for later viewing. Click [here](#) to watch



Tech folk are also needed to help with audio and video controls. Training is available. Contact office or Pastor John.

Assisting Ministers

- 2/05 - Allan Winter
- 2/12 - Jason Lorentzen
- 2/19 - Ruth Ann Crecelius
- 2/26 - Jordan Slaymaker

Lectors

- 2/05 - Glenn Stockwell
- 2/12 - Gary Crecelius
- 2/19 - Anna Lisa Johannessen
- 2/26 - Vincent Coppin

Communion Assistant

- 2/05 - Tonie Neal
- 2/12 - Delores Schiebe
- 2/19 - Tawan Thomas
- 2/26 - Sue Rink

Ushers

- 2/05 - Roscoe Killett, Gary Eissinger
- 2/12 - Tonie Neal, Kathleen Heinrich
- 2/19 - Gary & Joan Eissinger
- 2/26 - Ruth Ann & Gary Crecelius

Acolytes

- 2/05 - Victoria Orellano
- 2/12 - Wade McLamb
- 2/19 - Nate Stockham
- 2/26 - Hannah Rea

Greeters

- 2/05 - Delores Schiebe
- 2/12 - Barbara Azzarelli
- 2/19 - Nancy Oliver
- 2/26 - Linda Stellfox

Upcoming Zoom Meetings

Click on the times to connect

Property Team - 2nd Tuesdays

(Meeting ID: 829 6466 1925 / Password: 977528)

[6:00 pm](#)

Men's Bible Study - Sundays

(Meeting ID 821 9445 9989/ Password: 442495)

[9:00 am](#)

Fellowship & Conversation - Tuesdays

(Meeting ID: 837 4730 9659 / Password: 588450)

[7:00 pm](#)

THANKS FOR SHARING RESOURCES

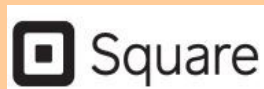


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Thanks for on-going financial giving.

You can support our ministries by scanning the code or online

Click [here](#)



Around the Parish



One of the gifts that the Christian community shares with others is praying for those with special needs or concerns. Call the Church Office or fill out the green form in the pew racks to let us know of prayer needs.

The list in the weekly bulletin is intended to be for persons in immediate crisis. Generally those names will be changed after 3 weeks.

The newsletter has our long term prayer list which is updated as you tell us.

Please keep us informed so that we can share accurate information with the Saint James community.

Remember These

People at Home or in Care facilities (restricted mobility)

- Peggie Ann Jackson
- Sigrid Walters
- Charlotte Davis
- Claudia Doyle
- Shirley Johnson
- Lorraine Breisch
- Brenda Killett

Prayer Concerns:

- ◇ Joe & Dara Lehner
- ◇ Angel Davis
- ◇ John Tucker
- ◇ Beth Sessoms
- ◇ Diane Stulz
- ◇ Carolyn Uchtorff
- ◇ Julie Kuhrt
- ◇ Julie Murthy
- ◇ Ellen Blocker
- ◇ Sherieda Peasley
- ◇ Darcy Dapra
- ◇ Chad Smyre
- ◇ Orose Family

Military Members

(* *Deployed*)

- Luke Steffen
- Riley Broding
- Grant Alexis
- Earl Stockham
- Nikki Rettmann
- Jessie Hewins
- Ben Schollett
- Brandon Berry
- **Darian Dix ***
- Joshua Trogdon
- Kelly Steenrod
- David Oliver
- Bella Fish
- Sarah Fox
- Rob Whitt
- Austin Hilken
- Dan Gibson
- Tristan Bonde
(former member at Ft. Campbell)



Winter, Allan	2/4
Peterson, James	2/7
Tichich, Colleen	2/12
Gearing, Ron	2/14
Killett, Roscoe	2/14
Crecelius, Ruth Ann	2/19
Parrish, Sarah	2/20
Whitt, Charlton	2/28

Anniversaries



David & Donna Runkle 2/14

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All are welcome to worship each Sunday at 10 a.m.
Holy Communion is celebrated every week.

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