

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

201 S. Washington St. Unity, WI 54488



2024

February 4th

Worship 8:00 (Noisy Offering); Sunday School 9:00

February 11th

Worship 8:00

February 13th - Council Meeting 6:30

February 14th - Ash Wednesday

Service 6:00

February 18th

Worship 8:00

February 21st & 28th

Soup supper 5:00; Lenten service 6:00

February 25th

Worship - 8:00

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1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

4 Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. 7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never ends.

It's February, the month of Valentines and heart-shaped boxes of candy. Thanks to the commercialization of Valentine's Day, love is everywhere. Love is all around us!! So as we head into our short month of February may we take a moment and think about how we as a people united in Christ, who are called by God to love others even if it's not the most popular thing to do. One of the best descriptions of love in the Bible is found in First Corinthians as the Apostle Paul writes in his letter to the Corinthian church. These words of First Corinthians describe a wide-ranging and unconditional love. Loving with this sort of patience and gentleness invites others into our lives, providing a place for relationships to grow. Strangers become individuals and people we are able to see, know, and appreciate. Paul's description of love can help to break down the walls that separate us. Walls of: us vs. them, fear, anger, conflict and the list goes on and on.

As we head into the month of love this February, this is the kind of love God calls us to offer to the world. May our Valentine to everyone, show the love God has for us in Christ Jesus by offering that same love to others.

On a connected note, February 14th is Ash Wednesday and we begin our Lenten journey. During our six weeks of Lent we will



It's that time again!

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14th which means Lenten services and **soup suppers** to follow. Beginning Wednesday, February 21st, Barb will be serving homemade soup again starting at 5:00. The Lenten service

will begin at 6. If you would like to provide a soup, talk to Barb Soback or look for a sign up sheet in the narthex. Anyone can also bring a dessert, cheese, crackers, or another side dish.

Soups for Lent:

February 21st - chicken dumpling and potato

February 28th - hamburger vegetable and sauerkraut

March 6th - chicken wild rice and cheese broccoli

March 13th - Italian wedding and chicken tortellini

March 20th - split pea and minestrone

A former church member, Sue Gipp, passed away January 3rd. She is a cousin to Kathy Mertens. Her parents were Leo and Viv Bloom. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Pastor Note – Pastor Teri will be at a Clergy Clinic in Chicago from February 4th after worship through February 7th. She can still be contacted via her cell phone, 715-650-1786, if necessary.

♥HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY♥



Why Ash Wednesday?

(from Christianity.com)

Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is always 46 days before Easter Sunday. Lent is a 40-day season (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration.

The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection. The Lenten season culminates with Holy Week, which includes Palm Sunday and the joyous celebration of Easter.

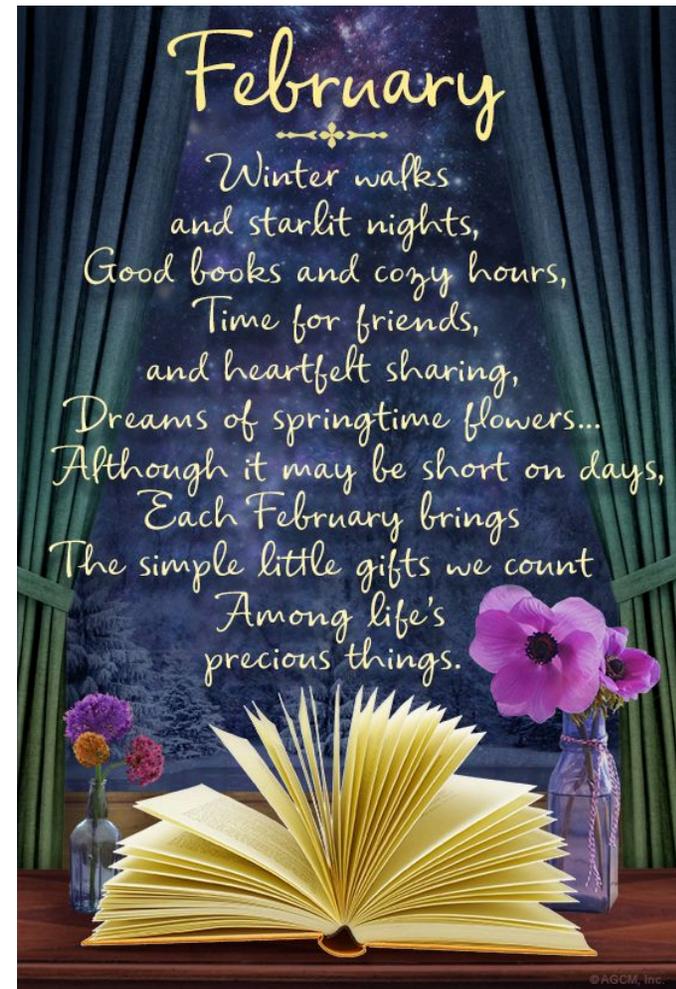
The ashes of this holiday symbolize two main things: death and repentance. "Ashes are equivalent to dust, and human flesh is composed of dust or clay (Genesis 2:7), and when a human corpse decomposes, it returns to dust or ash."

"When we come forward to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, we are saying that we are sorry for our sins and that we want to use the season of Lent to correct our faults, purify our hearts, control our desires and grow in holiness so we will be prepared to celebrate Easter with great joy" (The CatholicSpirit.com).

With this focus on our own mortality and sinfulness, Christians can enter into the Lent season solemnly while also looking forward in greater anticipation and joy to the message of Easter and Christ's ultimate victory over sin and death.

read from Lamentations and the Psalms. We will take time to sit with those things that are too big for our hearts to bear and lift them up to God. We will hear and be reminded that God takes our worries, our grief, and our questions and transforms them into holy joy and a renewed hope.

Live the Love,
Pastor Teri



“What’s Cooking?”

(if you have a favorite recipe, please share.)

Taco Casserole (provided by Cindy Hardrath)

- 9 ½ oz. pkg. of taco corn chips or taco Doritos
- 1 ½ lb. hamburger
- 1 - 8 oz. jar of mild taco sauce
- 1 tsp. chili
- 1 - 15 oz. tomato sauce
- 1 c. shredded cheese
- 1 chopped onion
- 1 can chili beans
- 1 pkg. taco seasoning mix
- 1 can water



Crush chips and layer $\frac{2}{3}$ in bottom of 9 X 13 pan.
Brown the hamburger; add salt & pepper, taco sauce, onion, chili beans, taco seasoning, tomato sauce and water. Mix well & pour over chips. Top with cheese and remaining chips.
Bake for 30 minutes @ 350 degrees. Garnish with lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, sour cream & onion if you wish.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

February Worship Assistants:

	Lay reader	Ushers	Comm. Asst.
Feb. 4	Bob Strunk	Susan Karsten	Susan Karsten
Feb. 11	Barb Soback	Barb S. & Sara U.	Barb Soback
Feb. 18	Sara Uhlig	Susan K. & Cindy H.	Cindy Hardrath
Feb. 25	Cindy Hardrath	Raatz Family	Al Raatz

Money Counters

Feb. 4	Al Raatz & Jared Klimmer
Feb. 11	Sara Uhlig & Cindy Hardrath
Feb. 18	Naomi Carey & Susan Karsten
Feb. 25	Patsy Schuh & Pat Klimmer

In March.....those in charge.....

Altar Guild - Pat Klimmer & Lydia Klimmer
Lay Readers - Karen Winkler
Ushers & Comm. Assistant - Cindy Hardrath



Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
1 PETER 5:7



February Birthdays

- 1 - Lionel Schweiger
- 5 - Andrew, Brent & Derek Jeske
- 8 - Sara Uhlig
- 11 - Steven Justman
- 15 - Kayleigh Mertens
- 25 - Dylan Loertscher
- 27 - Jerry Suckow

Thank You!

....to Cindy Hardrath for cleaning the church while Pat Suckow is gone..... and managing the food pantry.

....to all those who are a part of the altar guild, preparing for worship and decorating the church.

Sea Foam Salad

- 20 oz can crushed pineapple
- 3 oz box lime jello gelatin
- 8 oz cream cheese, softened
- 8 oz cool whip



Drain crushed pineapple. Reserve the juice. Set aside.
In a large bowl add cream cheese. Set aside.
In a small pot add pineapple juice and jello.
Bring to a boil while constantly stirring to dissolve the jello.
Pour over cream cheese. Using a fork, break up the cream cheese and mix with the jello.
Allow it to gel in the refrigerator for 45 minutes to 60 minutes.
Add pineapple and cool whip. Stir well together. Allow to set for 60 minutes.
Store in the refrigerator till ready to serve. ENJOY!



Worship Assistants!

There will be a sign up sheet in the near future for people who are willing to help out with lay reading, ushering, serving communion, helping with the food pantry, counting money and/or serving on a committee. Consider these ways of serving your church and the Lord.

Altar Guild



What's Going on in Our Church?

As explained in the October Tidings, different organizations and groups will be highlighted for a few months. This month the **altar guild** is being highlighted. The Altar Guild consists

of women in the church who carry out specific duties in the altar area that help prepare for worship. Each month there are two women who take care of the responsibilities. The various duties include: setting up communion and clearing it away afterwards; checking the oil in the candles; polishing the brass when needed; changing the banners for each season or holiday; changing the paraments according to the church calendar; ordering flowers for Christmas and Easter; beautifying the altar with flowers; and changing the hymn numbers. Additional people are always welcome to help out or get added to the schedule. Pat Suckow and Barb Soback oversee the Altar Guild; contact one of them if you are interested.

January Council Meeting Summary of Main Points:

The annual congregation meeting was set for Sunday, January 21st following worship at 12:00 to accommodate Pastor's Teri's schedule. A pot luck would take place at 11 before service time.

Lent service times were set:

- Ash Wednesday (6PM)
- Lent – soup supper (5PM), service to follow at 6PM
- Maundy Thursday (6PM)
- Good Friday (6PM)

Pastor Teri would like cell numbers so that she can send group texts for mid-week worship.

Food Pantry Notice

The food pantry is still in need of food items/donations. Here is a list of items that go out most often: pancake mix



& syrup, peanut butter, rice, potatoes, any kind of pasta, canned fruits & vegetables, and canned tuna or chicken. Other foods are also welcome. Thank you!

The pantry was very fortunate to receive many cash donations in January. Colby Lions and Maurina Schilling Funeral Home each donated \$500; Weathershield Employee Lite Foundation donated \$885; Women of First Presbyterian Church donated \$120.65; and Kathy Mertens donated \$100. The Rotary Club in Marshfield donated 15 banana boxes of food; Smith Brothers Meat donated venison; and Robbie Smazal donated 3 - \$100 gift cards to use at County Market.

Balance at the end of the month was \$4,585.20. We have been blessed!



