

THE MESSENGER



LENT 2021:

Listen

STORIES & PRAYERS FROM JESUS

We begin Lent 2021 on February 17 with Ash Wednesday. Our theme is *"Listen"* as we explore the stories & prayers of Jesus. We will have at least 4 ways for you to observe and experience Lent this year:

- 1) Wednesday Night Worship at 7pm**—Each Wednesday, beginning February 17, we will gather online for a short worship service centered on one of the prayers that Jesus prayed. We will be using Anglican Prayer Beads during these services (more on that in a bit).
- 2) Daily Videos about the Lord's Prayer**—Jesus' most famous prayer was the Lord's Prayer. Each weekday on Facebook we are releasing a short 2—4 minute video about the Lord's Prayer. These will also be available on our website. Each week we will address a different petition of Jesus' model prayer through prayer stations, games, songs and other activities. These videos will come from pastors around our synod, and you can think of it like a daily VBS or Sunday school for all ages.
- 3) Lent-in-a-Bag**—Similar to Advent, we are putting together a group of resources for you to use at home during Lent. The Lent-in-a-Bag will have things to help you set up an at-home altar/prayer space, a prayer journal/coloring book, a daily devotional, ashes to use on Ash Wednesday, and a kit for making your own Anglican Prayer Beads. As soon as these are finished and available, we will let you know so you can come by church to pick yours up.
- 4) Sunday morning worship**—Each Sunday we will be hearing about one of Jesus' most beloved parables as we continue through the Gospel of Luke.

As we continue in these unusual pandemic circumstances, I look forward to walking through Lent with all of you this year as we learn new ways to *"listen."*

In Christ, Pastor Chad

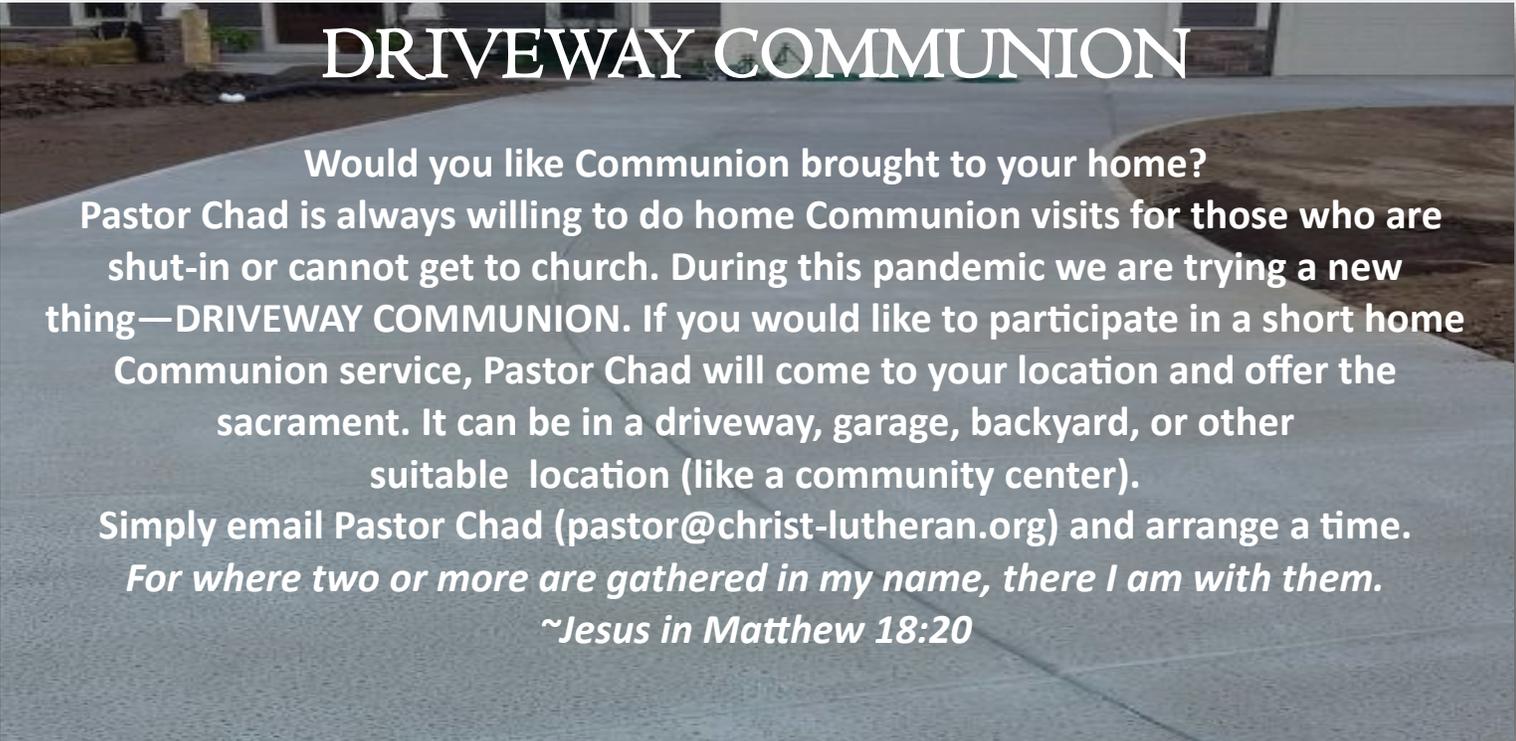


DRIVE + THRU ASHES

February 17, 2021
ASH WEDNESDAY

On Ash Wednesday, Pastor Chad will be available at church from 7:00am – 6:00pm for anyone to come receive ashes in-person. Simply pull up to the curb in front of church and Pastor Chad will come outside on the sidewalk for a short time of socially distanced confession, absolution, and the imposition of ashes.

Please note: Each Lent-in-a-Bag will also contain ashes. At our online service for Ash Wednesday (7:00pm), there will be a time for you to put these ashes on your own head at home.



DRIVEWAY COMMUNION

Would you like Communion brought to your home?

Pastor Chad is always willing to do home Communion visits for those who are shut-in or cannot get to church. During this pandemic we are trying a new thing—DRIVEWAY COMMUNION. If you would like to participate in a short home Communion service, Pastor Chad will come to your location and offer the sacrament. It can be in a driveway, garage, backyard, or other suitable location (like a community center).

Simply email Pastor Chad (pastor@christ-lutheran.org) and arrange a time.

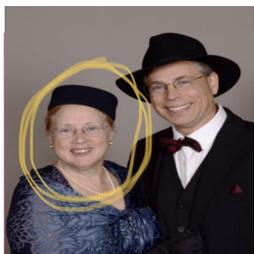
For where two or more are gathered in my name, there I am with them.

~Jesus in Matthew 18:20

2021 COUNCIL INSTALLED

ON JANUARY 19, AT OUR FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR, OUR NEW CONGREGATION COUNCIL WAS INSTALLED FOR 2021!

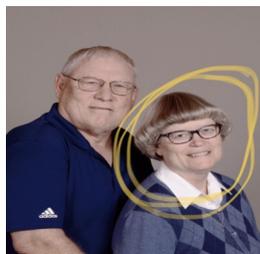
WE ARE WELCOMING 4 NEW PEOPLE TO THE COUNCIL:



Bonnie Johnson
Vice President



Russ Banta
Property Chair



Rosie Harder
Human Needs Chair



Deborah Bischoff
Outreach Chair

THESE NEW LEADERS WILL JOIN OUR CURRENT COUNCIL MEMBERS TO MAKE IMPORTANT DECISIONS AND HELP STEWARD THE MINISTRY WE SHARE AT CHRIST LUTHERAN. RETURNING COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THEIR POSITIONS INCLUDE:



DWIGHT BOYCE

PRESIDENT

JEAN BEAL

SECRETARY

CAROL DOOLEY

TREASURER

BRIAN MILLER

RESOURCE CHAIR

MELISSA STANTON

WORSHIP & MUSIC CHAIR

CHANDRA HUBBARD

YOUTH MINISTRY CHAIR

TARA BROWN

PARISH EDUCATION CHAIR

WE ALSO WANT TO PUBLICLY THANK OUR OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED SO FAITHFULLY OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, ESPECIALLY FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP DURING 2020.

OUR OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE:

BECKY DYKSTRA

PRESIDENT IN 2020, VP IN 2019

DONN BISCHOFF

OUTREACH CHAIR 2016-2020

ALAN SCHMIDT

PROPERTY CHAIR 2016-2020

FORREST EHMKE

HUMAN NEEDS CHAIR 2016-2020

Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief

Lutheran World Relief sent out a plea for personal care kits to help protect vulnerable families from COVID-19. These kits contain a towel, soap, nail clippers, toothbrush and comb and the LWR warehouse shelves are nearly empty and they can't keep up with demand.

Rich & I applied for and received a Thrivent action grant to pay for supplies and have scheduled a day to put the kits together on February 25th at church.

Please let me know if you would like to participate and we will keep the group to less than 10, wear masks and social distance. I have been making these kits for a number of years so can give some instruction.

When you notify me that you would like to help please include a time that would work for you. Thanks!

Rosie Harder 316-200-3233 ma28rr77@cox.net



Women's Bible Study

Please contact me for meeting information for FEBRUARY.

Rosie Harder at 316-200-3233 or
Email: ma28rr77@cox.net.



Don't miss your chance to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars. Eligible members have until the March 30th deadline to direct any unused balance from the previous year.

For eligibility requirements and how to give go to www.thrivent.com/choice, or call financial associate, Justin Carlson, at (316) 7292631 or Justin.Carlson@thrivent.com. 



SANDWICH SATURDAY

- Our next date to provide sack lunches is Saturday, February 27. We will need help on Friday, February 26 at about 5:00pm to make the PB&J sandwiches and put together the rest of the lunches. We will practice social distancing and do everything as safely as possible.
- We will also need help delivering the lunches on Saturday morning, February 27. We will simply drop them off at St. John's Episcopal, but we do need one or two people willing to help transport the food. We will not be distributing them directly to the people because their staff will do that.



Team Kansas City

We were victorious last year, so let's run it back again! While you are cheering on your team and celebrating with family and friends - **let's help tackle hunger together.**

From kickoff to final whistle on Super Bowl Sunday, Team Tampa Bay and Team Kansas

City will seek to outdo one another for the sake of the gospel. The fans that donate the most through their team page to ELCA World Hunger by midnight central time on February 7 will help their synod take home the title of ELCA World Hunger Champion -regardless of the outcome of the football game. We won last year and let's go for the repeat, just like our guys in red!

To donate to Team Kansas City, you can send in checks with your offering (checks can be written to Christ Lutheran) and indicate that it is for ELCA World Hunger. You can give online through church by clicking the "GIVE ONLINE" button on our website (www.christ-lutheran.org) and mark it for ELCA World Hunger. Or if you would like to read more about and give online directly through the ELCA, please go to: <http://support.elca.org/goto/Kansas>. This is competition where everyone wins!

About ELCA World Hunger

As a long-standing presence in communities in nearly 60 countries, including the United States, ELCA World Hunger is deeply relational and rooted in listening. They steer clear of "one-size-fits-all" answers and have enormous respect for local context, local expertise and local ingenuity. Your gifts support tailored solutions - in areas like health, water, income, education, food security, and more - that can put an end to hunger for the long term.



HUMAN NEEDS

We have started a new ongoing collection for the Union Rescue Mission. Brian Pressnall volunteers with the online bookstore "New Leaf Bookstore" that benefits the URM and he can collect books left at church. Please leave books in the entryway.

Books that are usually scanned and "accepted" by the Union Rescue Mission are those with an ISBN code, usually published in the late 1970's and beyond. Books donated should be in good used condition.



Children's books are also welcome!

**PLEASE NO:
MAGAZINES, DICTIONARIES,
ENCYCLOPEDIAS OR BIBLES.**



We will concentrate on monetary donations at this time instead of collections of items at church until more people are vaccinated and we are meeting at church again.

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Bags of Blessing collection at church!

We are also sending a donation of \$100 to the Union Rescue Mission. For February we encourage monetary donations to noisy offering to enable us to send \$100 to the Kansas Food Bank in support of the Food 4 Kids program.



Rich and I took the clothes that had been left at church to the Mision San de Juan. Rich asked (in Spanish) what is currently needed and was told that they have plenty of clothes at this time but are in need of blankets and sleeping bags. You may leave those items at church in the box in the entryway and we will deliver them.

For questions please contact

Rosie Harder at 316-200-3233 or ma28rr77@cox.net



Date	Time	Event
6th	6:30pm	Worship Meeting
15th	6:00pm	Council
17th	7am-6pm	Ash Wednesday, Ashes to Go
17th	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday, Worship Online
18th	8-5 pm	Covid Testing

FEB 2021

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24th	7:00pm	Lent Online Worship
25th	TBD	Lutheran World Relief Care Kit Assembly
26th	5:00pm	Sandwich Saturday Prep
27th	10:30am	Sandwich Saturday Delivery

COVID TESTING AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

On Thursday, February 18th, our building will be used again as a mobile COVID testing site for the Sedgwick County Department of Health.

For more information call at
316-830-1130

**Please avoid coming to the church that day
(unless you need to get tested).**

Februarys Baptism Birthdays

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
1	Melissa A. Stanton	6	Vivine Langdon
8	Gwyn Snow	10	Noah Becker
16	John Foster	17	Abby Banta
17	Mary B. Garrelts	18	Noah F. Miller
24	Elmer Hoyer	25	Bonnie L. Johnson
28	Margaret E. Kaufman	28	Natasha B. Zecha

Februarys Birthdays

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
1	Joe Raleigh	5	Elmer Hoyer
7	John Snow	8	Kevin Smith
9	Charlotte Brown	10	Ana Lechner
14	Frances McNeal	15	Gail Hahn
15	Adalynn Axman	15	Rosalie Schmidt
16	Kalie Brown	17	Gerardo Naranjo
18	Laurie Anderson	21	Brian Storrie
21	Kelsey Pressnall	21	Aspen Helmick
22	Kameryn Thompson	24	Gina Christensen
24	Carl Mertins	26	Casey Dykstra
28	Ryan White		

Februarys Anniversaries

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
None	None



2021 Leadership & Staff

Church Council

President	Dwight Boyce
Vice President	Bonnie Johnson
Secretary	Jean Beal
Treasurer	Carol Dooley
Worship	Melissa Stanton
Human Needs	Rosie Harder
Resource	Brian Miller
Property Care	Russ Banta
Parish Education	Tara Brown
Outreach	Deborah Bischoff
Youth	Chandra Entwisle

Staff

Choir Director	Darla Steinert
Organist	Margaret Dietz
Custodians	Donn & Debbie Bischoff
Bookkeeper	Alan Wondra
Parish Nurse	Mary Garrelts

Staff Relations Committee

Council	Mallory Fowler
Staff	David Lechner
Pastor	Scott Schul

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Pastor Chad Langdon

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Secretary Maria Contreras

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Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00am-2:00pm

December	YTD	Rolling12
2020	2020	Months YTD
Receipts \$15,233.57	\$180,323.58	\$180,323.58
Expenses \$16,533.03	\$197,563.51	\$197,563.51
Variance -\$1,299.46	(\$17,239.93)	(\$17,239.93)

