

Messenger

St. John

February 2024 | ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH | NASHUA, IA



Ashentines Day

This year we are celebrating Ash Wednesday on Valentines Day (thus the combination name titling this article). This got me thinking about these two "holidays;" how they might be similar, how they are different, and how we might combine these celebrations together into one that lifts up both the secular and the sacred.

As we all know, Valentines Day is when we celebrate love; old love, new love, love that is changing, maybe even lost love; romantic love, familial love, love for a close friend who has seen you through all of life's ups and downs; all these kinds of love can be celebrated on this day.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent (a time of reflection and preparation that culminates with Jesus' death and resurrection celebrated during Holy Week). This is the day when we remember our mortality; from the dust you were formed and to the dust you shall return.

Combining these two (very different) "holidays" into one might seem strange, maybe even impossible, but with deliberate effort it can be done. Begin with a Valentines celebration of the love God has for you by recognizing the significance of God's birth into

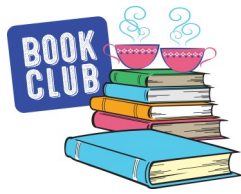
this world and giving thanks for Jesus. God's love is so strong that He made Himself vulnerable to human sin and pain, walking this earth with His human creation. Recognize God's love for you by remembering the cross; what Jesus did for you in that act of sacrifice. Recognize God's love for you by remembering the empty tomb; what God gave to you through the resurrection. After you have done this, reflect on your love for God. How do you show God your love and appreciation for all He has done for you? And... how might you increase your outward sign of love and appreciation? How might you show the world around you that you are someone who is active in their Christian faith?

I'm sure there are other ways one could combine these two celebrations together, and I encourage you to consider how you might combine Valentines Day and Ash Wednesday into one celebration, but always remember the love God has for you and celebrate that this Ashentines Day. Amen.

- Pastor Todd



Book club will meet on
Thurs, February 8th
@ 6:30 p.m.
All are welcome!



Sewing dates:

February 5, 6, 7
19 & 20



9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All are welcome!
No experience needed!

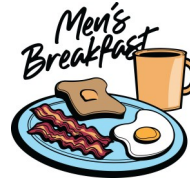
Women of the ELCA

The February WELCA meeting and Bible Study will be held on Wed., Feb. 7th at 1:30 in the Social Hall. Joan Lore will be lesson leader and Joyce Beck will be hostess. All women of St. John are welcome to attend this meeting.

Thank You to everyone who worked or donated food for the Leslie Schilling Funeral.

WELCA will be serving the soup supper on Feb. 21st and the Lenten Luncheon on Feb. 28th. Lenten Luncheons in 2024 will be held at St. John Lutheran Church.

- Joan Lore



Men's Breakfast
Sat., February 3
@ 7 AM

Come join us for food
and fellowship

February 2024 Worship Servants

February 4, 2024 – Trad w/ comm

Head usher: Bruce Becker

Lector: Karen Sinnwell

Sound: Lisa Acton

Computer: Kamden Chyma

Camera: Tate Demro

Communion: Sophie Wilkens & family

Acolytes: Hailey & Sophie Wilkens

Greeters: Angie Dietz

February 25, 2024 – Jubilee

Head usher: Bruce Becker

Lector: Jill Stille

Sound: Troy Stille

Computer:

Camera:

Acolytes: Tate Demro/Eva Foelske

Greeters: Rod & Beth Wilson

February Birthdays

- 1—Joyce McMichael, Jayden Jost, Kristi Kleinschmidt, Philip Kramer
- 2—Lindsey Carnegy, Rick Hicok, Matthew Jaspers, Neal Poppe
- 4—Trace Steere, Laura Wolf, Karen Heimdal
- 5—Megan Stille, Gabriella Wilson
- 8—Nathan Schilling, Richard Kleinschmidt II
- 11—Noah Cerwinske
- 14—Alisha Stiles, Jesse Brown
- 16—Caleb Lines
- 17—Beth Wilson
- 18—Madalyn Rodruck
- 19—Jordan Kohlmeyer, Chloe Fundermann
- 21—Garren Crabtree
- 23—Penny Gray
- 25—Evelyn Kapping, Ellie Sudol, Jakob Whiting
- 26—Mary Kraling, Jesse Ross
- 27—David Klobassa, Jackie Wilken
- 28—Jeanne Olson, Kreg Smith

February 11, 2024 – Jubilee w/ comm

Head usher: Bruce Becker

Lector: Greg Henn

Sound: Dan Berger

Computer: Allison Miller

Camera:

Communion: Kaden H. & family

Acolytes: Kaden H. / Allison Miller

Greeters: Greg & Jo Henn



February 18, 2024 – Traditional

Head usher: Bruce Becker

Lector: Katie Burrichter

Sound: Kif Richmann

Computer: Eva Foelske

Camera:

Acolytes: Kamden Chyma

Greeters: Nat & Amy Sinnwell

Lutheran World Relief 2023

The women and men of the St. John Lutheran Church served 25 days during 2023 and completed the following things for Lutheran World Relief:

Quilts 686 Personal Care Kits 108
School kits 40 Baby Care Kits 49

A huge "THANK YOU" to Irene Koob's family for their generous donation for our sewing projects and also to Beth Waller for her generous donation so we can build more quilts.

A big "thank you" to everyone that donated material; the congregation for the towels and soap for personal care kits; the men who set up, taped boxes and helped with everything they could; and all the ladies that sewed, pinned, and tied all the quilts. Thank you to Bruce Becker for delivering our quilts and kits to Waverly.

Thanks to all who helped with our Mission Work over the years. This is one of the ways St. John loves as Jesus Loves.

- Quilting Committee

** Donations Needed **



3.5 to 3.75 oz. Bar Soap
for personal care kits

Please have donations here by 2/29

Wednesday, February 14th

There will be a **Pancake Supper** hosted by Light Force prior to Ash Wednesday Service @ 5:30 p.m.

PANCAKE SUPPER



Sunday, February 11th

Luther League is having a **Bake Sale** following church service. Come get some goodies!



This month's featured books are the *Guidepost Book Collection*. Guidepost books are a collection of fiction books with intriguing stories and page turning mysteries. The characters are well developed and *lean on their faith in God!* They were donated by the Wilma Beck family who was a long time member of St. John. You'll find them on the third shelf of the church library in the overflow area.

Another donation is the *Inspirational Study Bible* edited by Max Lucado from the Demro family.

- Susan Garbes



Soup supper prior to Lenten services at 5:30 p.m. hosted by:

February 21—WELCA
February 28—Quilting ladies
March 6—Agape
March 13—Men's group
March 20—Luther League



Service will be at 7:00 p.m.

February 14—Ash Wednesday
February 21
February 28
March 6
March 13
March 20
March 28—Maundy Thursday
March 29—Good Friday



From the Church Office

December 2023 / January 2024 Statistics

Sun., December 24

9:00 a.m. Attendance: 142 Giving: \$1,778.00
Candlelight Service: 65 1,122.00

Sun., December 31

9:00 a.m. Attendance: 51 Giving: \$1,961.00

Sun., January 7

9:00 a.m. Attendance: 88 Giving: \$1,512.00

Sun., January 14—cancelled

Sun., January 21

9:00 a.m. Attendance: 93 Giving: \$8,567.00

Sun., January 28

9:00 a.m. Attendance: 105 Giving: \$1,775.00

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Wednesday 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Thursday: 1:00 —8:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

2024 Council Members

Lori Bruns, President

Kathy Cerwinske, Vice President

Karen Sinnwell, Secretary

Lisa Acton

Bruce Becker

Rick Drewelow

Dan Miller

Megan Stille

Kif Richmann

Finance: Mark Rodruck

2024 Committee Chairperson:

Administration: Megan Stille

Building & Grounds: Bruce Becker

Education: Karen Sinnwell

Evangelism: Kathy Cerwinske

Social Concerns: Dan Miller

Stewardship: Lisa Acton

Technology: Kif Richmann

Worship & Music: Rick Drewelow



February Head Usher:

Bruce Becker

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

- At Home: Liz Arends
- Cedar Vale: Virginia Kraft
- Nora Springs Care Center: Shirley Goddard
- Whispering Willow, Fredericksburg: Joyce McMichael, Shirley Frost
- Evergreen Arbor, Waverly: Ida Schloemer, Cary Griffith
- 11th Street Chautauqua, Charles City: Dorothy Janssen, Linda Haut, Phyllis Kunzman
- 9th Street Chautauqua, Charles City: Glenn George, Dorothy Campbell
- Riverside Senior Living: Evelyn Kapping
- Bella Vita Assisted Living, Tampa, FL: Shirley Fosse
- Linden Place: Verna Wiebke

February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
9 AM Traditional w/ comm SS in the pews 9:15 Luther League	6 PM Education Comm Mtg		1:30 PM WELCA 2:30 to 4 PM Confirmation class	6 PM Bible Study		7 AM Men's Breakfast
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9 AM Jubilee w/ communion 9:15 AM SS Luther League Bake Sale after service	6 PM Education Comm Mtg		1:30 PM Pancake Supper 7 PM Ash Wednesday Service	6:30 PM Book Club	Jackie - Dubuque	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9 AM Trad service 9:15 SS / Luther League	7 PM Council Meeting		11:30 AM Lenten Luncheon 5:30 PM Soup Supper 7 PM Lenten Service	6 PM Bible Study		
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"And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you." 1Thessalonians 3:12

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"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

- John 3:16