

April Newsletter 2022

Updates

Lend-A-Hand will continue to meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 9:00 am.

New bible study- March 6th-April 10th on Sundays at 7pm. Witness at the Cross by Amy Jill Levine. If you would like to participate, please order your book on Amazon.

We celebrate the baptism of Ivy Catherine Smith on February 27, 2022. May God always keep her close. As she grows in years may she grow in faith.

We mourn the deaths of Pastor Roger Thompson Gary Miller, Phyllis Baer, and June Huffman. We pray that their families may be comforted by the sure and certain hope of the life and resurrection yet to come.

A SEASON OF HOPE. During this Lenten season, our congregation is putting God's love in action by collecting items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits.

"The loss and uncertainty of COVID-19 continues to hit our poorest neighbors around the world even harder. And we ourselves are restless after two years of wandering in the wilderness of a pandemic. We want to announce to the world that Christ makes a new season possible: a **Season of Hope**. We're excited to engage in this project as a community during our Lenten journey this year."

Items that will be needed are: light-weight dark-colored bath towels (maximum size 27"x52"); bath-size bars of soap (4 to 5 oz.); adult-size toothbrushes; sturdy combs; and metal nail clippers.

Collections will begin March 2 (Ash Wednesday) and continue through Easter. All items may be brought to the church and placed in the baskets available at the parking lot entrance or the Narthex. Any monetary donations for kit items may be mailed to Pam Marquart, 110 Leonard St., Willard and we will do the shopping for you. If you have any questions, please contact Pam at 419-933-



Homebound

Please remind our homebound members that you're thinking of them with cards or letters!

- Norma Pitinger
1050 Neal Zick Rd.
Willard, OH 44890
- Lois Phillips
3053 St. Rt. 61 S.
Willard, OH 44890
- Janice Capelle
PO BOX 183
Monroeville, OH 44847
- Shirley Stockmaster
2814 S St. Rt. 4
Attica, OH 44807
- Janice Mossman
1050 Neal Zick Rd.
Willard, OH 44890
- Royden Trimner
1050 Neal Zick Rd.
Willard, OH 44890
- Marlene Hinebaugh
Elizabeth Scott Commu-
nity RM 140
2720 Albon Rd.
Maumee, OH 43557

Lenten Schedule

Wednesday Evening Lenten Services - Holden Evening Prayer

- ◆ April 6th at 7pm
- ◆ Palm Sunday- April 10th at 10:30 am. Parish Education is Planning an all-church event for our church and community. Fun activities as well as food and fellowship are being offered to our congregation and community on the church lawn. Please stay and help us make this an opportunity to reach out to others with our stories of faith.
- ◆ Maundy Thursday Worship April 14th at 7pm
- ◆ Good Friday Worship April 15th at 7pm
- ◆ Easter Vigil Saturday April 16th at 9pm
- ◆ Easter Breakfast Worship April 17th at 8:00am. Worship at 9:15am



Letter from the Pastor

Lent is a time of self-denial and sacrifice. These are not words we like to hear. We live in a culture that tells us it's all about you. Eat, drink and be merry for you only live once. Accumulate all you can because the more you have the happier you will be. We can achieve many things in this life and still be empty inside our hearts. We can accumulate great wealth and still find ourselves without a real purpose or meaning in our lives.

Jesus was born into this world. He was one of us. Jesus spent time in the wilderness fasting and praying. He also went to weddings and other parties where there was a great deal of worldly consumption of food and drink. Places where people were making merry and spending a great deal of money on lavish events. But whether Jesus was fasting or feasting he always knew who he was, and why he had come and where he was going. To the cross for the ultimate sacrifice. The world did not hold Jesus captive.

Who are we as Christians? Lent calls us back to God. Lenten sacrifice and self-denial are faith practices to remind us that God made us to be far more than what we can buy, indulge in, or accumulate in this life. We are not created to look for happiness in how much stuff we can buy but having an abundant life. You cannot live an abundant life if you cannot learn to stop consuming and learn to live with less. To be able to do without and to be willing to sacrifice so that others may have enough. Caring about those around you and looking at all people as your neighbor.

This is what Jesus means when he says the way you find yourself is by losing yourself. When we give to others and sacrifice on their behalf this is how we are fully joined to Christ. This is how we become who we are created to be as God's beloved children. Lent is a time to return our lives back to God and to remember who we are called to be in this world.

In Jesus' name,

Pastor Janet

Birthdays!

James Smith 03/01
Craig Moellenberg Jr. 03/01
Beth Burger 03/03
Naomi Painter 03/04
David Bailey 03/08
Steven Buss 03/08
Frederick Mock III 03/08
Phyllis Burgette 03/09
Kaiten Weiss 03/09
Maxine Ritchey 04/03



Teresa Smith 03/11
Trenton Mock 03/11
Debbie Buss 03/13
Shirley Stockmaster 03/17
Jane Kennard 03/18
Keith Weaver 03/19
Janet Dials 03/21
Linda Moran 03/26
Nanci Wiles 03/28
Allyson Valadez 03/29



Anniversaries!



James & Teresa Smith 03/07 - 30 Years
Daniel & Mary Jeanne Christoff 03/11 - 55 Years
Kenneth & Maxine Ritchey 03/21 - 10 Years



Our April Food Pantry Item: Dish Soap
Donations can be dropped off on Sunday mornings.

Thank Yous

With love to my Trinity family.
You've blessed my life in so many ways. Your thoughtfulness warms my heart and brightens my day! Thank you for the gift card!!
- Love, Cheryl TyRee

thank you

A decorative flourish consisting of a stylized branch with several leaves, positioned below the "thank you" text.