

The Mustard Seed

February 2018

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We are doing something
New, Different and Exciting
COME AND SEE!

On the Wednesdays in Lent, beginning February 21st (the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday) we will gather to feed our soul's and our body's. We will come together to nourish our relationship with God, our relationship with Jesus and our relationship with one another. This will be done through singing, prayer, scripture readings, storytelling and eating. We will begin at 6:00 pm and finish about 7:00 pm.

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Using the information, you provided in the survey on Lenten practices the worship leadership of Bethany has developed a worship plan that is unlike anything we have done before. These gatherings have the potential to be fresh and innovative, stirring and moving. Something we would like you to come and see for yourself.

We will begin our Lenten journey to Good Friday and the cross on **Ash Wednesday** February 14th gathering for worship and 7:00pm (no meal).

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor John

HELPERS FOR FEBRUARY 2018

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

February 4
(Servers) Council
(Set-up/ Clean-up) Ray & Sandy Kephart

February 11
(Servers) Council
(Set-up/ Clean-up) Craig & Judy Hagman

February 14 (ASH WEDNESDAY)
(Servers) Council
(Set-up/ Clean-up) Judy Lundberg

February 18
(Servers) Council
(Set-up/ Clean-up) Ray & Sandy Kephart

February 25
(Servers) Council
(Set-up/ Clean-up) Ed & Shirley Stuke

March 4
(Servers) Council
(Set-up/ Clean-up) Velma Jones

USHERS

February 4
Ray & Sandy Kephart & Chuck Anderson

February 11
Dick & Elaine Asmus & Norma Thompson

February 14 (ASH WEDNESDAY)
Ed & Shirley Stuke & Marian Veasen

February 18
Gordy & Maverine Anderson & Dennis DeFrang

February 25
Arden & Patti Virnig & Judy Waytashek

March 4
Andy & Norma Holen & Norma Thompson



OFFERING COUNTERS

February 4
Ed Stuke & Dixie Peterson

February 11
Bruce Peterson & Judy Hagman

February 14 (ASH WEDNESDAY)
Marian Veasen & Sandy Kephart

February 18
Charleen Dahlgren & Eileen Hastings

February 25
Craig Hagman & Ed Stuke

March 4
Dixie Peterson & Marian Veasen

LECTORS

February 4
Sandy Kephart

February 11
Patti Hook

February 18
Dixie Peterson

February 25
Judy Waytashek

March 4
Judy Lundberg

PIANISTS

February 4 Barb Bendson
February 11 Barb Bendson
February 14 (Ash Wed.) Joan Straw
February 18 Barb Bendson
February 21 (Wed.) Joan Straw
February 25 Barb Bendson
February 28 (Wed.) Joan Straw
March 5 Barb Bendson

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

February 4 Judy Lundberg
February 11
February 18 Hillman Group
February 25
March 4

If you can help out in providing treats for fellowship after worship, please call the church office to be put on the list.
THANK YOU!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY

February 3rd	Jim Ellingson's Birthday
February 7th	Jay Kephart's Birthday
February 13th	Mark & Michelle Anderson's Anniversary
February 14th	John & Sharon Leek's Anniversary
February 16th	Gordy & Maverine Anderson's Anniversary
February 19th	Joan Straw's Birthday
February 19th	Donald Lemke's Birthday
February 26th	Arden Virnig's Birthday

HOMEBOUND OR RELOCATED?

If a family member or friend has become homebound or has been moved into Assisted Living or the Nursing Home, please share that information with the church office. **THANK YOU!!**

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 9am-3pm

**Pastor John is in the office on Tuesdays. Please stop in or call for an appointment.
Pastor John's phone: 320-676-3130**

DEADLINE for the March 2018 Mustard Seed will be **NO LATER THAN** Sunday, February 25th.
Please have all items in to Darcy by this date. Thank You!

Minutes for January 16, 2018 Council Meeting

Members present: P. Hook, V. Jones, R. Kephart, P. Olson, D. Peterson and Pastor John.

Members absent: N. Holen

Consent Agenda was approved.

Old Business: A. Basement floor/Other basement projects- The tearing up of the basement floor took much longer than anticipated. The flooring project is almost completed. We also discussed the furnace problems. Tim Stout has been contacted to make the necessary repairs. A water heater has been donated and will be installed soon. B. Lenten Plan-The Lenten survey results were discussed. The council supports the idea of the Lenten theme being "Come and See". There will be some changes in format including more of a meal/worship set-up. The congregation will be informed of the Lenten plans in early February. Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 14, 2018. C. Estimated Budget-A more complete budget was handed out and discussed.

New Business: A. Snow/Cold plans for worship-If we have some snowy or bitter cold weather and the church service is questionable, the congregation should call the church. The church answering machine will have a recorded message stating whether or not we are having a church service. The congregation is encouraged to be safe and home if you are concerned about the road conditions.

Project Updates: A. Hot water- Hopefully the new water heater will take care of this problem. This project should be completed soon. B. Confirmation-Some contacts have been made, but no plans have been made at this time. The council will continue to look at this issue. C. Future planning with other churches-This item also will be continuing for the council. D. Treats for Alliance youth-The council made a sign-up list for treats. E. Urban Immersion- Kellie Schmidt presented her Urban Immersion experience with the congregation in January.

Next month's council meeting will be Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

FEBRUARY 2018 COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 20th at 7pm

LENTEN SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback about our Lenten worship gatherings. Based on the results, we are going to change the format of our services, and we hope you will join us. We will use Holden Evening Prayer as the framework for Lenten services, but we will condense the time frame by incorporating the soup suppers into worship. Instead of moving the sanctuary pews to an "in the round" formation, we will use the narthex for worship to promote fellowship and intimacy. All worship gatherings will begin at 6:00 and will end by 7:00, except for Ash Wednesday, which will begin at 7:00 in the sanctuary and will not include a meal. More information and a full schedule of Lenten/ Easter worship gatherings can be found elsewhere in this newsletter or in Sunday bulletins.

GROUPS, MEETINGS, ETC.

Prayer Shawl - February 6th at 4pm.

Quilting - February 20th from 9am-3pm.

SENIOR COMPANIONS Meet at Bethany on the second Tuesday of each month from 9-11:30am.

Council meeting is Tues., Feb. 20th at 7pm.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS AND INFORMATION

LENTEN WORSHIP

Join us for 7 weeks of Lenten Worship, featuring Holden Evening Prayer, Rejoice and Praise, and fellowship! This year our soup suppers (or other light meals) will be incorporated into our worship, giving us the opportunity to nourish our bodies and our spirits together. The Lenten series begins on Feb. 14 with an Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 in the sanctuary. This service will include Communion and Holden Evening Prayer, but will not include a meal. The following 5 Wednesday services, Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 14 and 21, will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the narthex, and will include a meal. Maundy Thursday worship, on Thursday March 29, will also begin at 6:00 p.m. in the narthex, and will include Holden Evening Prayer, a meal, and Communion. The full Lenten/ Easter schedule can be found elsewhere in the Mustard Seed.

For more information about Lenten worship, talk to Susan or Pastor John.

SOUP SUPPERS

If you would like to provide a soup supper (or other light meal) during on of our Lenten services, sign up on the sanctuary door or call the church office.

COMMUNITY DIAPER PROGRAM

The Onamia Area Early Childhood Coalition is proud to announce that we have been accepted into the Community Diaper Program! That means that we will have FREE diapers available to community members in need. Diapers from size 1-6 are available at the Rolf Olsen Center. The Community Diaper Program is a joint effort of the White House, Jet, and Cuties Diapers. The Early Childhood Coalition can purchase diapers at a very low cost and pass them on FREE to families in need. No one should have to decide between buying food and buying diapers! Donations toward this project are welcome! Please talk to Susan B. or Darcy if you have questions or would like to help. Thank you for your support!

MARCH IS FOOD SHELF MONTH

Donations made to the food shelf in March are matched. Please bring your donations to Bethany from now through March and we will see that everything gets taken to the food shelf. Cash gift are also needed as they use this money to purchase food at a very reduced cost. **THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS!!**

RUBY'S PANTRY

Food Distribution Program. Everyone who gets hungry qualifies! You receive an abundance of grocery items for a \$20 donation. Bring your own baskets or boxes for food. Located at the Lions Community Center, Onamia beginning at 10:30 am the **FIRST Monday of the month. Registration begins at 10am.**

Next two dates will be Feb. 5th & March 5th.

THANK YOU... to those who are giving through Thrivent Dollars!! Much appreciation!

FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>S.S. following the Gospel</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:30am - RUBY'S PANTRY</p>	<p>6</p> <p>4pm - Prayer Shawl</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1</p> <p>5pm - Bible study at UMC</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:30am - Men's Breakfast at UMC</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>S.S. following the Gospel</p> <p>CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>2pm - Mutual Ministry Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>ASH WEDNESDAY 7pm - Holden Evening Prayer Worship w/ Holy Communion</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5pm - Bible study at UMC</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>S.S. following the Gospel</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9-3pm - Quilting</p> <p>7pm - Council Meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6pm - Soup Supper & Holden Evening Prayer</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>S.S. following the Gospel</p> <p>Newsletter deadline</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7am - Prayer Breakfast at UMC</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6pm - Soup Supper & Holden Evening Prayer</p>			

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Council Members:

**President - Pam Olson
Vice President - Velma Jones
Secretary - Dixie Peterson
Treasurer - Ray Kephart
Norma Holen - Patti Hook**

**Music Coordinator - Susan Bracken
Administrative Assistant - Darcy DeBoer**

**RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED**

Address:

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:30am - Holy Communion

(Sunday School following the Gospel Reading)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:30am - Holy Communion

(Sunday School following the Gospel Reading)

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7pm - Worship w/ Holy Communion

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:30am - Holy Communion

(Sunday School following the Gospel Reading)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

6pm - Soup Supper & Holden Evening Prayer

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:30am - Holy Communion

(Sunday School following the Gospel Reading)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6pm - Soup Supper & Holden Evening Prayer