

The Bridge



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Worship Schedule

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:00 a.m. Education Hour

March *Bridge* deadline –

February 15, 2015

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We are centered in Christ and reach out to care.

We proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior.

We equip and teach for spiritual growth.

We worship passionately.

We minister to the physical and spiritual needs of others.

We discern and use the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We invite and involve others with a welcoming heart.



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COME ONE COME ALL

Save the Dates

For future events, be sure the [church office](#) and [Bridge editor](#) receive date and time information so calendars and space needs are all correct! Please click on blue hyperlinks for more information. ([Full Calendar](#))

Date	Activity	Time
Sun., Feb. 01	Council Meeting on Visioning	Noon to 2:00 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 02	Social Ministry Meeting	11:30 a.m.
Sun., Feb. 08	Congregational Meeting	11:00 a.m.
Wed., Feb. 11	All Are Welcome Meeting	6:15 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 14	YOUTH Movie Night	6:00 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 15	Council Nomination Process Begins	9:30 a.m.
Sun., Feb. 15	Mardi Gras Dinner	5:00 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 15	CREATE	11:00 a.m.
Wed., Feb. 18	Ash Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Thu., Feb. 19	Vineyard Breakfast	6:30 a.m.
Fri., Feb. 20	Evening Community Group	7:00 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 23	VBS Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 25	Lenten Mid-Week Services	7:00 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 27	Service at Rosewood	10:00 a.m.
Sat., Feb. 28	NO Gather Women's Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
Sun., Mar. 01	Council Meeting on Visioning	Noon to 2:00 p.m.
Wed., Mar. 04	Lenten Mid-Week Services	7:00 p.m.
Wed., Mar. 11	Lenten Mid-Week Services	7:00 p.m.
Sun., Mar. 15	Congregation Nominates Council	9:30 a.m.
Wed., Mar. 18	Lenten Mid-Week Services	7:00 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 20	Evening Community Group	7:00 p.m.
Wed., Mar. 25	Lenten Mid-Week Services	7:00 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 27	Service at Rosewood	10:00 a.m.
Sun., Mar. 29	Special Sunday school	11:00 a.m.



Wed., Apr. 01	Lenten Mid-Week Services	7:00 p.m.
Thu., Apr. 02	Maundy Thursday Service	TBA
Fri., Apr. 03	Good Friday Service	TBA
Sat., Apr. 04	Kid's Easter Activities	9:30-11:30 a.m.
Sun., Apr. 05	Easter Breakfast by YOUTH	TBA
Sun., Apr. 05	Easter Sunday Service	9:30 a.m.
Sun., Apr. 19	World Café	11:00 a.m.
Fri., Apr. 24	Service at Rosewood	10:00 a.m.
Sun., May. 17	Congregational Meeting	11:00 a.m.
Fri., May. 22	Service at Rosewood	10:00 a.m.
Fri., May. 29	Soup Kettle	5:00 p.m.
Fri., Jun. 26	Service at Rosewood	10:00 a.m.
Sat., Sep. 19	Crafters	1:00 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 17	Crafters	1:00 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 04	Craft Show Setup	TBA
Fri., Nov. 06	Craft Show Vender Setup	TBA
Sat., Nov. 07	Habitat for Humanity Craft Show	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 19	Crafters	1:00 p.m.



WORSHIP NEWS

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:30 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Education Hour

Scripture Lessons for February

**Sunday February 1
Fourth Sunday after
Epiphany**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalms 111 (10)

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

Color: Green

**Sunday February 8 — Fifth
Sunday after Epiphany**

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c (3)

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

Color: Green

**Sunday February 15 —
Transfiguration of Our
Lord**

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalms 50:1-6 (2)

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

Color: White

**Wednesday February 18
Ash Wednesday**

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah
58:1-12

Psalms 51:1-17 (1)

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Color: Purple

**Sunday February 22 - First
Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalms 25:1-10 (10)

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

Color: Purple



ASH WEDNESDAY AND MIDWEEK EVENING PRAYER

Lent is upon us! It's one of the most meaningful seasons of the Church year. It's a time for slowing down and assessing ourselves honestly, a time for clearing out practices and habits that are not life-giving, and choosing instead to take on positive practices that improve life for our neighbor and for ourselves.

Lent begins on **Wed., Feb. 18, Ash Wednesday**. We will gather that evening at **7:00 p.m.** for a beautiful service that includes Confession, Eucharist, and the Imposition of Ashes, a reminder of our frailty and mortality but more important, of our total dependence on God's good providing and gracious mercy toward us.

Then, each Wednesday evening between Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday, Mar. 29, we'll gather at 7:00 p.m. for a simple, reflective, meditative service of **Evening Prayer**. The service will last 25–30 minutes. Those who have participated agree that it's a calming and restful time of praise and prayer and spiritual nourishment. Come and see for yourself!

FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

From Our Pastor

Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ!

"Come and see!" It's about as simple an invitation as there is. It's an invitation that doesn't require any explanations...in fact, it's pretty upfront about the fact that you're not able to describe adequately what it is you want the other person to experience, but that you're convinced if they only experience it for themselves they will find it meaningful or enjoyable, too.

"Come and see!" It's an invitation that conveys excitement, an invitation that communicates that you care enough about the other person to ask them to experience something, as well.

"Come and see!" It's an invitation that says that you care enough about the other person that you're willing to accompany them so you can both experience it together.

"Come and see!" That is at the heart of what it means to be a follower of Jesus: the willingness to invite other people to come experience along with you this God whom we can't begin to



explain, but who encounters us in surprising ways and who changes things...this Jesus who knows everything about us and who loves us...this Spirit who moves us to feel compassion and to serve other people simply out of love for them.

Why is that so difficult for so many of us? We don't hesitate to invite someone to come try a restaurant with us that we've enjoyed, or even that we've just heard from others is pretty good. We don't bat an eyelash at telling somebody to watch the latest series on Netflix that we've gotten caught up in. We don't skip a beat in sharing a recipe on Pinterest that we've really liked, or posting something on Facebook that we've found meaningful. In each of those cases, it's a pretty natural thing, a natural part of relating to others. We don't think we have to be able to tell them what the chef's secret cooking techniques are, we don't think we have to be able to recount the entire plot and cast of characters of the TV show or recite lines of dialogue, we don't think we have to be able to describe the entire philosophy behind a quote. We just put it out there and say, "Come and see!"

But for some reason, when it comes to our faith, we get terrible stage fright. We start thinking that we have to be Bible scholars, or that we have to be able to answer all the questions someone might have about the Christian faith, or that we have to be theologians. But if you look at the Gospel stories, much of the time, when people share with others their experiences with Jesus, they have only just met him, and really don't have much to tell, other than that they have encountered him and something has happened. "He seems to know all about me!" "He touched me and made me well!" "I don't know anything, other than that something has changed!" And over and over comes that simple invitation: "Come and see!"

What would help you become comfortable with issuing that simple invitation to someone else? Maybe it's inviting someone to come with you to worship...but it doesn't have to be. That might come later. Maybe it's more about inviting them to one of the community groups, or to the Mardi Gras dinner. Maybe it's inviting them to come serve a meal with you at the Soup Kettle or the Vineyard breakfast. Maybe it's inviting them to a Youth lock-in. Maybe it's inviting them to meet you and someone else for coffee at Panera, or to walk around the track at the Center. Maybe it's



inviting them to come with you to Bible and Brew. Maybe it's issuing an invitation to come sew with you or assembly quilt tops at Quilts of Valor. Jesus can be encountered in countless places and settings. What matters is that you care enough about someone else that you want them to encounter Jesus, too.

"Come and see!" Three little words. Pretty easy to say, once we get used to doing it. But those three little words could literally change someone else's life. Will you try saying them in the next couple of weeks?

Peace,

Pr. Keith

From the Deaconess...

It seems we just had Christmas, and already Lent is upon us! I wanted to make you aware of all the Spiritual Formation opportunities for children and youth this season. There are many types of activities; hopefully the kids, youth, and their families will be enriched and grow in the spiritual walk this Lent. Feel free to bring grandkids, neighbors, or friends to any of the times listed below!

Sundays, Feb. 1 & 8 – The older Sunday school classes will be making an Alleluia banner to be "buried" on **Sun., Feb. 15**. They will also be talking about preparing for the Lent and Easter season.

Sunday, Feb. 15 - CREATE for all ages! Kids, youth, and adults will come together to learn more about Ash Wednesday and Lent. They will be creating a Holy Week banners for home and church, making pretzels, and assembling a Jesse Tree.

At the beginning of Lent, all children and youth will be given Lenten calendars and begin creating a notebook that will be used on Sundays during Lent.

Beginning **Sun., Feb. 22**, and continuing each Sunday throughout the whole season of Lent the kids and youth will receive 15 minutes of special instruction at the beginning of the Sunday school time. During this time, they will be learning about different Lenten practices, exploring stories that relate to Lent, and putting up the weekly Jesse Tree symbols for the week.



Also during Lent, each Wednesday at **7:00 p.m.** there is a moving worship that families are invited and encouraged to attend!

During March, there will be a Saturday morning Communion instruction class. If your child hasn't received instruction, talk to Pastor Keith about attending this workshop!

Sunday, Mar. 29 – Palm Sunday – Special crafts and activities about Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

Saturday, Apr. 4 – Kid's Easter Activities 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

If you have questions about any of the above activities or would like to help please contact me!

I pray each of you has a meaningful and blessed Lenten season,

Deaconess Andrea

GROWING STEWARDS STEP BY STEP

Twelve Devotions and Prayers

Stewardship is a spiritual issue, not a financial issue. The journey to being a good steward has many steps. For some people this starts with reading, reflection, and prayer. Here's the eleventh devotion for this purpose. The inspiration for these writings is "Stepping Stones of a Steward" by Ron Vallet (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co; Grand Rapids, MI; © 1989). [ed: this was written during or before 1989, but still applies in 2015]

Devotion 11

Coming to Terms with Life's Realities

Luke 18:1-8

This passage is often referred to as the parable of the "dishonest" or "unjust" steward.

For some this is the most troubling of all the parables Jesus told. On the one hand, a steward is discharged in response to charges that goods were being wasted. Yet in the second half of the parable, this dishonest steward is commended for shrewdly discounting the debts of others to the same master. How are these two actions reconciled?



In the first half of the parable, Jesus reminds us that we are all stewards of what God has entrusted to us. Yes, everything. If we are not faithful stewards, we can be discharged. Perhaps more appropriately, what we have been put in charge of can be taken away. Has this ever happened to you? I can remember times that I did not use my money wisely and some of it was taken away. We frequently hear in the news about people who have been poor stewards and their position and status are taken away. Yes, this can happen. We are encouraged to always be faithful and responsible stewards of what is entrusted to us.

It is the second half of this parable that may be more difficult to understand. Here Jesus is not commending the specific actions of the unjust steward, the reducing of the debts, but commending the shrewdness in taking action. Acting shrewdly means having a discerning awareness of the situation or reality and a willingness to act in skillful ways. The unjust steward assessed the reality of the crisis facing him and acted promptly with foresight.

This was not the only occasion Jesus illustrated this point. In Matthew 10:16, as he was sending out the disciples, Jesus said, “be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.” The word translated as “wise” in this context is the same word as the “shrewd” in the parable. Therefore, Jesus is encouraging and praising disciples to be both devout in their purpose and skillful in their planning.

In Scripture, there are many other places where Jesus admires shrewdness in managing affairs, both in work and in love. It is our ability to face reality and skillfully deal with crisis situations that also reflect our ability to be a just and honest steward.

Let us pray: Dear Lord, help us to recognize and appreciate the gifts you have entrusted to us. May we understand their purpose and use them in ways you would approve. We know we are not always good managers. May we be prudent in assessing reality, patient in addressing a crisis and wise in our decision-making. Help us to be faithful to your calling, skillful in planning, and responsible as your just and honest stewards. Amen.



GET INVOLVED

"Volunteers are love in motion." — Unknown

The Giving Way

To quote the first century philosopher, Seneca, "Money has never yet made anyone rich." A lot of centuries have passed since he said that, but, after thinking about his words, I would have to agree. What does make us rich is our love for others and the satisfaction of serving God by serving others.

When is the last time we celebrated our paycheck, allowance, our Social Security direct deposit, or our pension payment? Not so much, right? When is the last time we celebrated and gave thanks to God because we were able to help someone with the abilities God gave us? This is more likely.

On Sundays, we see how persons serve our Lord and become the face of Jesus to others on the projection screen. Yet much of how we serve through Christ the Lord Lutheran or individually, never appears on that screen. If you have a story of how the Holy Spirit may have inspired you to serve or you were enriched by the giving of yourself to another, please send it to **Arlyn Tolzmann** at: atpraynplay@gmail.com.

"Stewardship is the re-enactment of Christ's life in Christ's people." T.A. Kantonen (1956)

Social Ministry News

January was a busy month for us. Items from the Mitten Tree and from the Caring Cube were bagged and taken to the Crisis Center. Thanks to **Debbie M** for doing that and thanks to the many members of CTL who donated. The Mitten Tree will continue to accept hats, scarves, and mittens/gloves for those who need them.

The team put together a "basket" for the silent auction at the PADS January Fundraiser, Winter Harvest. The "basket" was filled with preschool items: books, a music CD, a Fisher Price farm play set, a boxed game, and Duplo blocks. All these items were packed in a toy-shopping cart--the "basket."

Nonperishable food was collected for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day food drive, which is sponsored by the City of Elgin.



This food is delivered to the area food pantries for distribution to the hungry. Thanks to **Tom J** for heading that up and to members for their generous donations.

We served breakfast to the needy at the Vineyard Church. Thanks to **Pastor Keith, Debbie M, Corrine A,** and **Barb B** for making breakfast casseroles and serving. Besides the casseroles, we took milk, juice, and granola bars.

We fed workers at our Habitat build in Carpentersville. They were taken baked ham and cheese sandwiches, chips, water, and dessert. **Corrine and Barb** made that happen. Thanks!

Soup Kettle was the last Friday of the month. Thanks to all the volunteers (listed in another part of this Bridge) and especially to **Patty H** for planning, purchasing food and cooking. Also, big thanks to the Youth for providing blankets, given at this meal to those who needed them. Anyone who would like to be part of the Social Ministry team or to help with a project is welcomed with open arms! Our next meeting is **Mon., Feb. 2 at 11:30 a.m.** ([top](#))

Café Conversations

You're invited to a very important event in the life of CTL.

April 19, 11:00 A.M. Café Conversations: lunch and information session for the congregation.

For the past several months, the All Are Welcome Task Force has been meeting and discussing how we as a congregation can extend the warm welcome, we already show to our visitors to those who do not know about us. These discussions have led us to examine the means of welcome we could employ for a variety of people. A part of that welcome will be to establish CTL as a designated "Reconciling in Christ" (RIC) congregation. In order for all of us to have a clear picture of what this means, the task force is presenting an information session called Cafe Conversations on April 19. It will include lunch and time for questions and discussions. Because the RIC designation will be voted on at the May congregational meeting, we are hoping everyone will be able to attend the **April 19** event. In the meantime, a wonderful place to find more information is www.reconcilingworks.org or to speak to one of the task force members: **Karin Krog, Ann Ordonio, Henrietta Neeley, Dale**



Nordick, Diane Blake, Tom Jensen, Barb Lawrence, Dss. Andrea Delaney, or Carol Blohm. We look forward to sharing with everyone this very exciting ministry! [\(top\)](#)

Youth News

Sat., Feb. 14	Movie Night at CTL 6:00 p.m.
Tues., Mar. 24	Feed My Starving Children 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. with Zion Lutheran Church
Sun., Apr. 5	Easter Breakfast
Sun., May 3	Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 p.m.

Services at Rosewood

We are booked with Rosewood worship services up through June. Here are the dates for the calendar. All are Fridays.

- Jan. 30 (this Friday!)
- Feb. 27
- March 27
- April 24
- May 22
- June 26

Pastor very much appreciates those of us who are able to come help with leading the services. It means a lot to the residents. Please let Pastor know which Fridays you might want to help, so we can work out a schedule?

All services will be at 10 a.m., with leaders gathering about 9:40 to prepare.

It's Coming

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday celebrates the work you do every day, serving communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people.

We look forward to doing this work together **Sun., Sept. 13.** Visit www.ELCA.org/dayofservice for more information. [\(top\)](#)



Habitat for Humanity Update – We're almost done!



Our Habitat for Humanity-New Hope Partnership is continuing to work on the renovation an entire house and we expect the house to be completed in February. You are invited to attend the house blessing, when we present the family with the keys to their new home, that will be held on Sunday, March 1st. Look for more details soon. The house is for a mother and her 8 and 12-year-old sons. There are many opportunities to help. You can:

Help with all areas of construction from building to clean-up.

You can work a whole day or part of a day as your time allows. All construction supplies are provided as well as job instruction.

- House is located at 618 Westwind in Carpentersville IL off of Route 31.
- Workdays will be Fridays and Saturdays, 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
- Must be 18 years old or 16-17 years with an adult
- Sign-up to volunteer to help with construction by registering at the Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley website—www.habitatnfv.org. Sign-up for as many workdays as you like or get a group together!
- See flyer at church more information.

Provide lunch to the workers. CTL provides a Saturday lunch to the 10-12 workers several times during the course of the renovation. We will provide the meal, dessert and case of water. Our next scheduled date is **Sat., Feb. 21**. If you would like to help, contact **Barb B** or **Debbie M**.

Contact **Carol E** at 847-695-0833 with questions. ([top](#))



Mardi Gras Dinner and Fun!!

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 15, 2015

\$7.00

(Children 10 and under free)

Featuring musician Bruce Kort ([top](#))

Shop at Smile.Amazon.com

CTL earns 0.5% of your purchase! On your first visit to [AmazonSmile](http://smile.amazon.com), (<http://smile.amazon.com>), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. They will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make on Amazon will result in an automatic donation! A simple way to support CTL!

Kids Hope USA

Kids Hope USA is thriving at Hillcrest, thanks to mentors, prayer partners, and directors from CTL. There are twelve mentors trained and either already working with children or ready to be assigned. After a longer than expected Christmas break, mentors were back at school the second week of January. It felt good to be back! Response from the children ranged from obvious pleasure in seeing mentors again to a bit of readjustment on the part of some.

Before the Christmas holiday it was made evident again that Kids Hope has a very positive impact on children at Hillcrest. When a mentor approached the classroom of her mentee, many children spoke up to let the mentor know that the child was absent. The mentor checked with the teacher and then turned to leave. A little girl stood at the doorway, looking up with eager eyes. "She's not here, but I could go with you." With a sad heart, the mentor had to say, "That would be nice but I'm sorry.... I only work with ____." One church, one school, one mentor, one child, one hour a week..... The system works. More CTL mentors would mean more children could experience this program.

Many of our CTL mentors will be attending a regional KHUSA meeting in Barrington in February, where they will have



opportunities to attend workshops focused on various aspects of mentoring. It should be a great day of sharing and learning!

If you're interested in becoming a mentor or a prayer partner or just curious about the program, contact **Jeanne T** or **Carri N**. They're happy to share their information and experiences.

Bridge Group Dinner Schedule

The Bridge Group is for people who would like a chance to meet with other single adults at various area restaurants. The Sunday afternoon dinner is a time for conversation, laughter, and support. All singles are invited to join us on the first and third Sundays at 4:00 p.m. Contact person [Grace D. \(top\)](#)

February 1	Applebee's, Randall Rd.
February 15	Elgin Public House, Chicago St.
March 1	Alexander's, Hwy 31 Elgin
March 15	Chili's, Randall Rd.
April 12 **	Dominick's, West Dundee
April 19	JuRin Japanese, Randall Rd.
May 3	Red Ox, Hwy 72 in Hampshire
May 17	Jameson's, Del Webb Huntley
June 7	Culver's, Randall Rd.
June 21	Salernos on the Fox, St. Charles
July 5	Art & Alma's, Burlington

** We will meet on the 12th because Easter is on the regular day.



Prayerful Humor

Weather Forecaster

To tell the weather, go to your back door and look for the dog.

If the dog is at the door and he is wet, it's probably raining.

If the dog is standing there really soaking wet, it is probably raining really hard.

If the dog's fur looks like it's been rubbed the wrong way, it's probably windy.

If the dog has snow on his back, it's probably snowing.

Of course, to be able to tell the weather like this, you have to leave the dog outside all the time, especially if you expect bad weather.

Sincerely, The Cat

Bound and Ungagged (A book club)

Bound and Ungagged is reading "The Travelers Gift" by Andy Andrews for **Sat., Feb. 7**. We will be reading "The Language of Flowers: A Novel" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh for **Sat., Mar. 7**. At the February get together, we will be planning our books for the next year. The book club meets at Colonial Cafe on McLean Blvd at 8:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us. If you have questions or would like to suggest a book that you think the book club would enjoy reading, please contact **Carol H.** [\(top\)](#)

Scrip Fundraising

Simply return an order form with your check to the church on Sunday. You will receive a new order form each week. You may pick up your order the following Sunday at the church.

We encourage you to take advantage of the wonderful benefits offered by this on-going fundraiser. If you have questions, please talk to [Mary N](#) 847-828-0027 or [Dorothy G](#) 847-888-4484.



Hooks and Needles

(Prayer Shawl and Baptismal Blanket Ministry)

As you select yarn for a new prayer shawl, consider that we are in need of colors that are bright, lively, and cheerful — colors that will help dispel the gloom! We are getting very low on shawls, so please keep crocheting and knitting.

For crafters interested in making a prayer shawl, there are now "unkits" available next to the Dress-A-Girl kits in the CTL entry area. These kits include instructions, a card, and everything else you will need (except for the knitting needles/crochet hook) to complete a prayer shawl. Thanks to some wonderful angels, we are able to provide kits with yarn.

VBS! VBS!

It's never too early to start thinking about VBS!

Come help us dream and plan VBS for this summer!

Mon., Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m.



LEARNING

Adult Study Groups

B. & B.: Bible and Brew



Bible and Brew meets at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Squire in West Dundee. We gather for an hour of fellowship and fun as we discuss our faith and how it affects our daily lives. The topics are wide-ranging and interesting! So, come grab a beverage or order a meal (Tuesdays have half-price burgers!) and grow in faith with one another. [\(top\)](#)

Morning Bible Study Formed

Join us for a lectionary study each Wednesday morning from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at CTL. Pastor Keith guides us through the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday. It is an opportunity for learning and becoming prepared to hear in a new way the readings at worship. Questions? Please ask [Pastor Keith](#), [Henrietta N](#), or [Carol B](#). [\(top\)](#)

Create

Sun., Feb. 15 - All ages in the fellowship hall 11:00 A.M. - Noon

Join us as we learn about Ash Wednesday and Lent by creating banner, making pretzels, and assembling a Lenten Jesse Tree! Invite a friend for this fun and interactive learning event!

Adult Forum During Lent

Making Sense of the Cross - Sundays during Lent in the Library

Children and Youth

In addition to following their lectionary-based curriculum, they will have a mini lesson each week on Lenten disciplines.



PLEASE REMEMBER

Please pray for those who are part of the life of CTL who struggle with illness and other concerns, especially Toni B, Bob B, Jessica B, Patsy B, Sue E, Jan E, Bill F, Jan G, Mary Ellen H, Nancy K, Barb L, Larry & Joyce M, Dick & Dena M, Dolores S, Maureen S, Jeremy T, Tom Y.

Please pray for those in care facilities or at home, especially:

At Heritage: Audrey R At home: Ursula H

Please pray for those in military service, especially:

James G, Corbin J, Brandt J, Matt K, Manessa L, John Y

Please pray for our family and friends, especially:

Mary B	Mother of Sharon L
Dena D	Daughter-in-law of Grace D
Cheryl E	Cousin of Diane B
Dorothy E	Mother of Carol H
CTL Kid's Hope children and mentors	CTL Members
Bill K	Brother of Sue K
Lee Ann L	Daughter of Bob & Andy L
Edna M	Mother of Susan T
Pat M	Sister-in-law of Arlyn T
Nana M	Daughter-in-law of Dick & Dena M
Pr. Fred O	Brother of Grace D
Salma	Granddaughter of Jacki B
Virginia S	Friend of Bob B
Tommie	Sister of Nancy K
Angie V	Friend of Diane B
Mary W	Former CTL member

Please pray for those who mourn, especially family and friends of:

Cozella B	mother of Bob B
David P	uncle of Dss. Andrea D



SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER

If you have a **February** event and it does not appear on the lists, please let us know so we can update our records.

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February Birthdays

2 - David C	15 - Linda W
2 - Ron R	16 - David R
3 - Lynn P	19 - Howard W
5 - Jeff T	20 - Rachel B
6 - Kristin D	24 - Rich D
8 - Mary T	24 - Mya Joy M
13 - Jane M	25 - John M
13 - Alex O	26 - Colin E
13 - Zach Z	26 - Sue R
15 - George B	26 - Tyler S

February Baptismal Anniversaries

1 - Tammy H	14 - Tami M
1 - Emilie S	14 - Molly Woertendyke
3 - Shelley M	16 - Mary T
5 - Ursula H	23 - Kristoph M
6 - Amelia S	25 - Chloe V
11 - Caitlin D	

February Wedding Anniversaries

10 - Jerry & Diane B
13 - Bill & Judy F
18 - John & Carol C
24 - Adam & Trudi G
28 - Jason & Heather W



THANK-YOUS

"We learned about gratitude and humility - that so many people had a hand in our success, from the teachers who inspired us to janitors who kept our school clean... and we were taught to value everyone's contribution and treat everyone with respect."

- Michelle Obama

Barb B
Andrew B
Carol E
Karin K

Bulletin assembly
Computers
Electronic sign
Bridge newsletter & Blast



Altar Flowers

Henrietta N
Katrina D
Eric & Sharon L



Holy Holes

John M
Carol B

Thank you, thank you for your generous donations to the M. L. K., Jr. food drive. There were about 40 bags of food, paper goods, and more. Peeking in one bag, I saw chocolate bars and another held a bottle of real maple syrup. There were many bags of canned and packaged foods. These items will help fill the stomachs and needs of many people and will be available to them from our local food pantries.



CHRIST THE LORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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