

## WHEN YOU FAST

*“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.”*

—Joel 2:12-13a

Jesus never commands us to fast, but he simply assumes we will do it.

God’s people have always fasted at various times and for various reasons. Moses fasted when he was up on the mountain with God for forty days and forty nights (Exodus 34), David when he mourned over the death of his son (2 Samuel 12), Daniel in order to gain wisdom and understanding (Daniel 9-10), and the people of Nineveh after they listened to Jonah’s preaching (Jonah 3).

The purpose of fasting is to clear the mind and heart of earthly idols and pleasures, so that a person may seek the treasure of heaven, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is truly the only one we need.

Fasting is normally the practice of abstaining from food for a designated period of time, such as eating only one meal on Wednesdays and Fridays, as the early Christian Church encouraged and practiced. One can also fast from other good things than just food, such as social media, technology, or your favorite snack. We give such things up not because they’re evil or bad for us but precisely because they are indeed good, and such good gifts can be easily abused. There’s nothing inherently wrong about watching television, drinking alcohol, or eating sweets, but there is something wrong with overindulging, when you’re glued to the TV, get drunk, or find yourself halfway through the family-size bag of m&ms you just opened up. This is when you can’t control your intake of such good things, but instead, they in fact control you. Fasting helps us reverse those roles, so that you become the one in charge, gaining back authority over your body with its passions and desires, telling it what to do and not the other way around. When this is done, you are better able to appreciate these good gifts rather than abuse them or even worship them, so that you might instead serve the one Lord and Master, Jesus the Christ.

Another reason to abstain from these good things for a period to time is so that you might abstain from evil things at all times. If you’re able to tell your body that it’s only getting dinner today, then you can also tell your body that it won’t be watching pornography today, it’s not going to jump on the gossip train, nor will it be participating in anger, malice, and jealousy. If you can control your body when life is easy, then you’ll also be able to do it when life gets hard, when times are tough and the cross is seemingly heavier to carry. Fasting prepares us for the battles ahead.

For the Christian Church, the season of Lent has historically been a season of fasting, as it prepares us for the feast of Easter, when we celebrate our victory over sin, death, and the devil. A greater appreciation for such a celebration will be had when one abstains from food or other good things from God, so that you can focus on the Giver and his heavenly treasures rather than his earthly gifts.

So consider what you might give up for the season of Lent and how you will go about doing it. You can’t decide these things on Ash Wednesday. Figure it out now and prepare yourself, because it does require preparation. Fasting should be difficult. If it’s not, you’re probably doing something wrong. You’re not actually challenging yourself and therefore won’t gain anything from it.

Consider your day-to-day routines and figure out those earthly comforts you rely on. Food should be your first option. Try starting out by eating only one meal for one day out of the week. You'll be hungry that day, but you will also appreciate the food you can eat and the One who gives it. You can then give that extra money you would've spent on food to those who are hungry.

That's the flip side of fasting. We not only give something up, but we also take something else on. If you stopped watching TV for all of Lent, you can now spend that time actually having a conversation with your wife and kids, putting together a puzzle, or playing a game. Rather than staring at a screen all night, you can read a book or send a card to an old friend. Most of all, you can use that time to actually open up the Bible and read it. Make a goal to get through all four Gospels during the forty days of Lent. Replacing the television this way will allow you to see that it's not a necessity but a luxury and there's much more to life than what's on that screen. And once Lent is over, you'll have more control on how much of it you watch.

Speaking of screens, how about the one in your pocket? What if you gave up all of social media, and, instead of that, you actually socialized? Rather than texting someone, you called. Or instead of calling, you planned to speak to that person face-to-face. Social media is often used as an outlet to step outside of our boring and mundane lives in order to experience the life of someone else, a life which is most definitely over-exaggerated, leaving out the rough patches, only for us to see how good they got it, when they really don't. Stop that. God has given you a life to live with real, living, breathing human beings right in front of you. Go to them. Talk to them. Be with them. And when Lent is over, you will hopefully put social media in its proper place, not an idol to constantly serve but a tool to use from time to time.

These are some of my ideas for you, and yet, you know yourself better than I do. So be honest and admit the golden calves you've fashioned for yourself, those idols you serve and worship. Turn from them by giving them up, so that they would no longer be the little gods that control you, but you would instead control them.

And again, don't just plan to give up but also plan to add on. During Lent, plan to read your Bible and pray every single day at a certain part of the day. Consider waking up a half an hour earlier than usual to make this happen in the morning or to intentionally set aside time before you go to bed. Such good habits won't happen naturally. You'll have to force yourself to do it until it becomes normal for you. And this isn't something to stop doing once Lent is over. Lent is the time to make prayer and devotion to God's word a daily routine that will last the rest of your life.

God bless you as you prepare to fast during Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, when we will hear our Lord's instruction on the ancient practice: "And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you" (Matthew 6:16-18).

In Christ,

Pastor Haller



Every month, as a congregation, we will have a Bible verse to memorize, so that together the word of Christ may dwell richly in our hearts. Here is February's Bible verse:

**Call upon me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me  
(Psalm 50:15).**

# WHY?

## QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LITURGY

### What is Gesimatide?

The two major feast days in the Church Year are Christmas and Easter. These two celebrations shape and form much of what we do on a Sunday morning. Often times, we are either preparing for one of those special days or looking back on it. For example, Advent prepares us for Christmas, whereas Epiphany looks back on Christmas. On January 25th, we will have completed our look-back on Christmas with the observance of our Lord's Transfiguration, which will then begin our preparations for Easter.

We prepare for our Lord's resurrection in four steps: Pre-Lent, Lent, Passiontide, and Holy Week.

On Sunday, February 1st, we began the season of Pre-Lent, also called Gesimatide. This is a time to transition our hearts and minds away from the celebration of Christmas and Epiphany and into the penitential season of Lent, our forty-day journey to Jerusalem, where we will see our Savior suffer and die and rise again.

Gesimatide gets its name from the Sundays of the season: Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima. These names give us a rough countdown until Easter. Gesima means "days," and what comes before it is a number: Septuagesima (70 days), Sexagesima (60 days), Quinquagesima (50 days). Ash Wednesday can also be called Quadragesima (40 days).

The main theme of Gesimatide is focused on the grace of God, a wonderful theme to prepare us for Lent and for the grace we will see in our Lord's passion. Septuagesima teaches us that God's grace is undeserved, as we hear of the goodness of the landowner who gives the same paycheck to all of his laborers, even if they only worked one hour (Matthew 20:1-16). Sexagesima shows us that God's grace can only be received and not earned, just as the sower's seed is received by the soil and, from it, produces a harvest a hundredfold (Luke 8:4-15). And finally on Quinquagesima, we see that God's grace is not easily understood, just as the disciples can't seem to grasp it, and yet a blind beggar from Jericho does, as he cries out to Jesus: "Son of David, have mercy on me" (Mark 10:32-34, 46-52).

The grace of God is what leads us to recognize our sin and repent of it, that we might receive such grace through his Word and Sacrament, rejoicing that our Lord who once was dead now lives.

**SEPTUAGESIMA**  
Septem = 7 | Within 70 days of Easter  
\* 63<sup>rd</sup> day before Easter

**SEXAGESIMA**  
Sex = 6 | Within 60 days of Easter  
\* 56<sup>th</sup> day before Easter

**QUINQUAGESIMA**  
quinque = 5 | Within 50 days of Easter  
\* 49<sup>th</sup> day before Easter

### SHUT-IN ADDRESSES

Continue to pray for those who can't be with us on Sunday mornings.

**Jean Adams**

8678 W. Deckerville Rd.  
Reese, MI 48757

**Don Carpenter**

Tuscola County Medical Care Facility  
1285 Cleaver Rd.  
Caro MI 48723

**John & Ruth Ann Kajjala**

6004 Gilford Rd.  
Fairgrove, MI 48733

**Pat Starkey**

Heritage Hill  
1430 Cleaver Rd.  
Caro, MI 48723

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|----|-----------------------------------|
| 1  | Charles Bender                    |
| 5  | Erwin Reinbold<br>Michael Starkey |
| 12 | Nicole Seeley                     |
| 14 | Tracey Reinbold                   |
| 16 | Noah Reinbold                     |
| 20 | Heather Reinbold                  |
| 21 | Emily Spencer                     |
| 22 | Sandy D'Addezio                   |
| 25 | Olivia Hargash                    |
| 28 | Aidan Hanby                       |

### February Divine Services

*(services with Holy Communion)*

*Sunday, February 1, 2026*

Septuagesima

Matthew 20:1-16

*Sunday, February 8, 2026*

Sexagesima

Luke 8:4-15

*Sunday, February 15, 2026*

Quinquagesima

Mark 10:32-34; 56-52

*Wednesday, February 18, 2026*

Ash Wednesday

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

*Sunday, February 22, 2026*

The First Sunday in Lent (Invocavit)

Matthew 4:1-11



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ENDURES FOREVER*

**NEXT VOTERS MEETING:  
SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026 @ 11 AM**

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Private Confession and Absolution is available every Saturday during the season of Lent, beginning February 21st, from 9 to 10 am in the sanctuary or anytime by appointment.

## —STEWARDSHIP—

February Coffee Money  
Youth Trip

Ash Wednesday  
Orphan Grain Train

Lenten Midweek Services  
Ephphatha Deaf Ministries

Lenten Boxes  
Seminary Student

The Stewardship Board's Special Mission from January through March will be for Lutheran Hour Ministries, a global mission organization that shares Christ's love in more than 60 countries, often bringing His message of hope to places where no other Christian organizations are present.



## —EVANGELISM & MERCY—

The Church Directory has been received and distributed. Please note the following corrections:

- Sarah Reid, cell phone (989) 528-5533
- Lenora Steinley, cell phone (989) 528-5900

If there are any other corrections needed, please give them to Holly Winter at (989) 551-6838, and she'll make sure they get put in the newsletter.

Clothing and School Supply Giveaway will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2026. A list of donation items will be posted in future newsletters and on the fellowship bulletin board.

## —LADIES AID—

- A "thank you" was read from Sandy D'Addezio for the Ladies Aid helping with Susan's funeral.
- Christmas decorations were taken down January 7<sup>th</sup>
- The Fairgrove Methodist Church is sponsoring a homeless shelter from January 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> with Family Promise guidelines. We were asked to sponsor a meal on Wednesday evening.
- We will be hosting the Lenten meal on February 25<sup>th</sup>. A taco bar is the menu along with other food.
- Next month, Easter flowers will be discussed.
- Cookbook still a work in progress.



*To check out any book from the church library, simply fill out the information needed on the clipboard hanging on the shelf.*



### Wonderfully Made

by Rev. John W. Kleinig

In *Wonderfully Made*, John Kleinig forms a properly biblical theology of our bodies. Through his keen sensitivity to Scripture's witness, Kleinig explains why bodies matter. While sin has corrupted our bodies and how

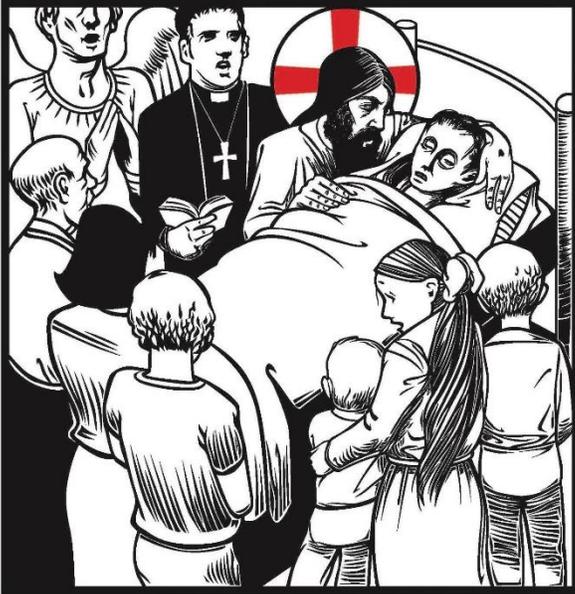
we think of them, God's creation is still good. Thus, our bodies are good gifts. The Son took on a body to redeem our bodies. Kleinig addresses issues like shame, chastity, desire, gender dysphoria, and more, by integrating them into the biblical vision of creation.



## Altar Flowers

In an effort to enhance the Divine Service, Ladies Aid has posted a flower chart for families or church boards wishing to participate. Please consider signing up to beautify the altar sometime this year.





# A Blessed End

## Christian Death & Burial Sunday Morning Bible Study

February 1st	Death & Resurrection
February 8th	When a Christian Is Dying
February 15th	How to Care for the Body: Burial or Cremation?
February 22nd	Funeral & Committal

# Wednesdays in Lent

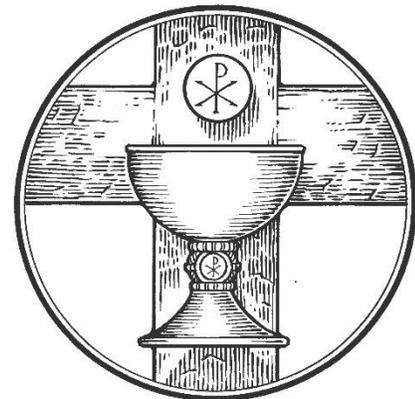
Dinner 5:30 pm  
Divine Service 6:30 pm



# ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 18th  
Divine Service at 6:30 pm

*Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.*



+ The Sacrament of the Altar +

February 25th	What is it?
March 4th	What does it do?
March 11th	How can it do this?
March 18th	Who should receive it?
March 25th	The Annunciation of Our Lord

# CHRISTIAN TRAINING

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE STUDY

### Sunday School

11 to 11:45 am Lesson

11:45 am to noon Music

### Adult Bible Study

A Blessed End – Christian Death & Burial

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL BE SINGING FOR PALM SUNDAY**

## THE MEN'S STUDY

Saturday, February 21st, 7:30 to 9 am  
breakfast + prayer + the Lutheran Confessions



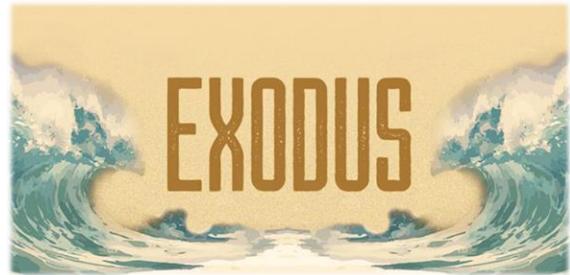
## WEDNESDAYS AT GRACE

9:30 am

Matins

10 am

Bible Study



## JUNIOR HIGH CATECHESIS

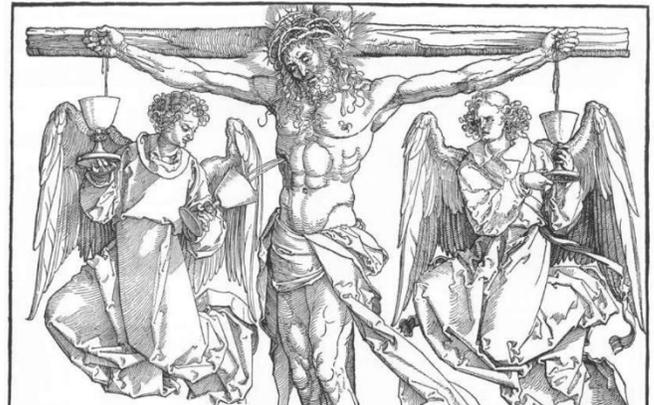
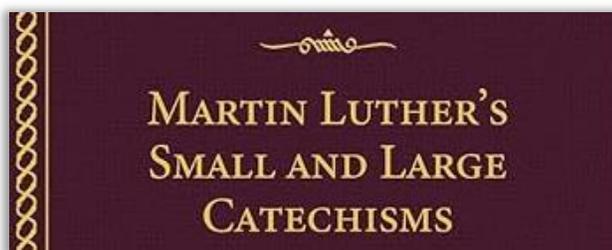
Wednesdays, February 4th and 11th at 7 pm

## LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Every family will receive a booklet in their church mailbox. Extra copies are available on the table in the fellowship hall.

## HIGH SCHOOL CATECHESIS

Sunday, February 15th  
6 to 8 pm at the Haller Household



PRAISE THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

# THE DAILY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

“God’s Word is the treasure that makes everything holy. By it all the saints have themselves been made holy. At whatever time God’s Word is taught, preached, heard, read, or pondered, there the person, the day, and the work is hallowed, not on account of the external work but on account of the Word that makes us all saints.”

—Martin Luther, The Large Catechism, 91-92

<b>February 1st</b>	Psalm 28	Zech. 11:4-7	2 Tim. 4:1-18
<b>February 2nd</b>	Psalm 75	Zech.12:1-13:9	Titus 1:1-2:6
<b>February 3rd</b>	Psalm 47	Zech. 14:1-21	Titus 2:7-3:15
<b>February 4th</b>	Psalm 127	Job 1:1-22	John 1:1-18
<b>February 5th</b>	Psalm 31:1-2, 23-24	Job 2:1-3:10	John 1:19-34
<b>February 6th</b>	Psalm 77:1-12, 15	Job 3:11-26	John 1:35-51
<b>February 7th</b>	Psalm 4	Job 4:1-21	John 2:1-12
<b>February 8th</b>	Psalm 122	Job 5:1-27	John 2:13-25
<b>February 9th</b>	Psalm 23:1-5	Job 6:1-13	John 3:1-21
<b>February 10th</b>	Psalm 38	Job 6:14-30	John 3:22-4:6
<b>February 11th</b>	Psalm 147:1-11	Job 7:1-21	John 4:7-26
<b>February 12th</b>	Psalm 99	Job 8:1-22	John 4:27-45
<b>February 13th</b>	Psalm 95:1-7a	Job 9:1-35	John 4:46-54
<b>February 14th</b>	Psalm 119:153-160	Job 10:1-22	John 5:1-18
<b>February 15th</b>	Psalm 1	Job 11:1-20	John 5:19-29
<b>February 16th</b>	Psalm 119:1-8	Job 12:1-6, 12-25	John 5:30-47
<b>February 17th</b>	Psalm 37:25-29	Job 13:1-12	John 6:1-21
<b>February 18th</b>	Psalm 136:1-9	Genesis 1:1-19	Mark 1:1-13
<b>February 19th</b>	Psalm 81:1-6, 9	Gen. 1:20-2:3	Mark 1:14-28
<b>February 20th</b>	Psalm 9:1-9	Gen. 2:4-25	Mark 1:29-45
<b>February 21st</b>	Psalm 12:1-6	Gen. 3:1-24	Mark 2:1-17
<b>February 22nd</b>	Psalm 79:5-9	Gen. 4:1-26	Mark 2:18-28
<b>February 23rd</b>	Psalm 2	Gen. 6:1-7:5	Mark 3:1-19
<b>February 24th</b>	Psalm 104:1-9	Gen. 7:11-8:12	Mark 3:20-35
<b>February 25th</b>	Psalm 74:10-17	Gen. 8:13-9:17	Mark 4:1-20
<b>February 26th</b>	Psalm 107:23-32	Gen. 11:27-12:20	Mark 4:21-41
<b>February 27th</b>	Psalm 73:25-28	Gen. 13:1-18	Mark 5:1-20
<b>February 28th</b>	Psalm 32:1-5	Gen. 15:1-21	Mark 5:21-43

## Voter's Meeting ~ January 11, 2026

Aaron Reinbold called the meeting to order. Pastor Haller opened the meeting with a reading and devotion from Matthew 8 and ended with prayer.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT ~ Mary Masker**

- Roll call was taken with 28 present and 3 excused.
- Minutes reviewed from October voter's meeting. Motion to accept minutes by Joe Bublitz and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joanne Hills. Motion carried and approved to accept the meeting minutes.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT ~ Mary Masker**

- Checking account balance as of December 31, 2025 was \$9,765.61.
- Most designated mission funds were paid out before end of year other than those that are paid through synod.
- Contacted Church Extension to close Lutheran Education Fund. Have to send a letter with approving signatures to close account that will pay toward tuition assistance fund.
- Discussed end of year budget balances. Elders, Church Properties and Stewardship had negative line items but overall budgets of each board were positive. Motion to approve line item overages to be covered by remaining budget balance was made by Sarah Hall and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Spencer. Motion carried and approved.

### **CHURCH PROPERTIES ~ Steve Reinbold**

- Michael Starkey doing the snow and ice removal for the parking lot.
- Daryl Winter replaced toilet and faucets in the bathrooms.
- Carpet cleaning was done in the fellowship hall Received a 25% discount from Mr Z's Carpet Cleaning.
- New front sign has been started but put on hold until weather improves.
- Next meeting will be tomorrow, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.
- Church properties board in charge of working on Susan Pfund's house to get ready to sell.
- Nativity was up for the Christmas season and now put away in storage.

### **ELDERS ~ Joe Bublitz**

- Holy Conversation went very well with Dr. Peter Scaer as our speaker. Planning for next year discussed.
- Elders doing the paperwork and transfer of ownership of Susan Pfund's house.
- Elders have implemented security procedures. Part of this will be locking doors 10-15 minutes after the start of services. Chris Kerr has been working with elders to do training for medical, fire and storm emergencies and elders will work on a manual and plans to implement in case of such emergencies. Chris will be here on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 8am for a training session and anyone is welcome to join.
- Daniel Bublitz has stepped down as an elder and Brian Steinley has been names as a replacement.
- Lenten mid-week services will now be at 6:30pm with the dinners starting at 5:30pm.

### **EVANGELISM AND MERCY ~ Holly Winter**

- Thank you to everyone for donations to the Giving Tree. Gloves and sweatpants were donated to the elementary school.
- Served 35 people for the advent dinner and the board will be serving the March 25<sup>th</sup> Lenten dinner.
- Planning a game night for January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
- Church directory completed and distributed. Any print mistakes of phone numbers will be in the newsletter.
- Clothing give away has been set for July 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **LADIES AID ~ Diane Spencer**

- Eighteen poinsettia plants were purchased by members to decorate for Christmas. Thank you to Gary Hecht for his donation of Christmas decorations. May want to consider different storage for Christmas tree and decorations as it is a challenge to get down from the attic.
- Ladies Aid will be serving the February 25<sup>th</sup> Lenten dinner.
- Family Promise of Tuscola County is looking for host sites. January 18<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup> the Methodist church in Fairgrove has been designated to host approximately 14 people or 4 families. As a host site, they plan a dinner, breakfast and a sack lunch for each day and accommodations from 6pm to 6am to house the homeless. Two people are expected to stay with the group for any assistance. Ladies Aid will be helping with a dinner to serve. Contact Marsha Smith for any volunteers or help.
- Next meeting will be on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **STEWARDSHIP ~ Joanne Hills**

- Coffee money for January goes to Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center, February to Youth and March to the Good Samaritan fund.
- Special collections for missions: Epiphany envelope goes to Orphan Grain Train, Ash Wednesday stay with Grace. Lenten services collections will go to St. Martin's School for the Deaf and the Lenten Mite boxes will go to Ian Habicht, our seminary student.
- Stewardship board's Quarterly Special Mission collections: 1<sup>st</sup> quarter – Lutheran Hour Ministries, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter – Orphan Grain Train, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter – Family Promise of Tuscola County, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter – Lutheran World Relief.
- Yearly contribution statements were placed in the mailboxes.

## **FELLOWSHIP ~ Tracey Reinbold**

- Hosted Harvest Dinner and served approximately 80 people.
- Planning Lent dinners with February 25<sup>th</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup> spoken for. March 4, 11 and 18<sup>th</sup> are still available.
- Easter Breakfast will be planned for April 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK ~ Elizabeth LaPouttre**

- November 2<sup>nd</sup> had open skate at the Saginaw-Bay Ice Arena in Saginaw. 22 youth, 30 total attended.
- Planning for Higher Things, June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 in St. Louis, MO. Eight youth and four chaperones including Pastor Haller planning to register, with early bird registration due by end of January.
- Christmas Eve bags were made with proceeds from the youth's caramel corn sales.
- Discussing possible spring and summer activities.

## **PASTOR'S REPORT**

- Bible class studies for Wednesday is currently in Genesis 48 and starting Exodus soon. Sunday morning studies just finished Revelation and finishing Luther's Large Catechism. February we will be discussing death and funerals and in March will start our study with Ephesians.
- Jr high catechesis has 16 catechumens and high school catechesis has 5.
- Men's bible study will be January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am with private confession following at 9am.
- Home school co-op has five families, nine children total and meet two Thursdays per month. Working on a Policy Handbook and hoping to invite the community next year.
- Christian burial for Susan Pfund was performed on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Susan passed on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Christian burial for Sandy Goodrich was performed on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Sandy passed on November 11<sup>th</sup>.
- 21 children and 14 adults joined for the Lessons and Carols program on Christmas Eve. Joe Bublitz, Brandon Worden and Hunter Reid also played as instrumentalist along with Chelsea Worden as our organist. Many thanks to those who decorated carolers who joined together on December 28<sup>th</sup> to spread the joy of Christmas.
- February 18<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday is April 5<sup>th</sup> with special services. Lent services will be based on the catechism's study of the Lord's Supper.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Kitchen Remodel – Bob Buchinger has presented a blueprint for an 11' x 18' addition to the west and Aaron hopes to have final estimate by next month.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Aaron Reinbold asked for motion to accept Brian Steinley as newly appointed 6<sup>th</sup> elder to replace Daniel Bublitz. Joe Bublitz made the motion and Dan Reinbold 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried and approved.
- Aaron Reinbold volunteered to be the Lay Delegate for the Synod Convention. Dan Reinbold motioned to accept Aaron Reinbold as Lay delegate and Stephen Bender 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried and approved. Pastor Haller has been named as the Pastoral delegate for the circuit.
- Sanctuary Improvement fund to be named for Susan Pfund's house. Aaron Reinbold read a letter from Susan Pfund opening with Psalm 26:8. The letter named Susan's house at 4898 Bonnie Drive in Bay City as her residence to be donated to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Fairgrove with a stipulation for proceeds to be used for Sanctuary improvements. Elders completed the necessary paperwork to transfer ownership and has assigned the church properties board to oversee the preparations to sell the house.
- Joanne Reinbold asked that anyone with pictures of church activities be sent to her for album updates.

**Next Parish Planning meeting** will be held on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Next Voter's meeting** will be held Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 11am after church and fellowship.

Motion to adjourn made by Sarah Hall and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Reinbold. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and Doxology.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Mary Masker, Secretary/Treasurer

# **Serving Our Lord in the Month of February**

## **Elders for February**

Stephen Bublitz & Steven Reinbold

## **Ladies Aid for February**

Joanne Hills & Jean Trisch

## **Sunday, February 1, 2026**

*Refreshments:* Sandra D'Addezio, Joyce Dickson, Ann Emery

*Propers Choir:* Hannah Haller, Hunter Reid, Sarah Reid

*Acolyte:* Winston Reinbold

*Bible Study Babysitter:* Alberta Reinbold

*Youngers' Sunday School Teacher:* Nicole Seeley

*Middle School Sunday School Teacher:* Steven Reinbold

## **Sunday, February 8, 2026**

*Refreshments:* Sarah Hall, Hannah Haller, Renee Hecht

*Propers Choir:* Jacob & Charity Hanby

*Acolyte:* Erwin Reinbold

*Bible Study Babysitter:* Gabriella Reinbold

*Youngers' Sunday School Teacher:* Laura Starkey

*Middle School Sunday School Teacher:* Stephen Bender

## **Sunday, February 15, 2026**

*Refreshments:* Joanne Hills, Beth Hoppe, Pamela Ill

*Propers Choir:* Sarah Hall, Aaron Reinbold, Amelia Reinbold

*Acolyte:* Noah Reinbold

*Bible Study Babysitter:* Charity Hanby

*Youngers' Sunday School Teacher:* Jennifer Bender

*Middle School Sunday School Teacher:* Brandon Worden

## **Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 6:30 pm**

*Propers Choir:* Alberta Reinbold, Daniel Reinbold, Gabriella Reinbold, Winston Reinbold

*Acolyte:* Brandt LaPouttre

## **Sunday, February 22, 2026**

*Refreshments:* Joanne Reinbold, Tracey Reinbold, Diane Spencer

*Propers Choir:* Olivia Hargash, Joanne Hills, Mary Masker

*Acolyte:* Charles Bender

*Bible Study Babysitter:* Chelsea Worden

*Youngers' Sunday School Teacher:* Pamela Ill

*Middle School Sunday School Teacher:* Aaron Reinbold

\*\*If your name is not on the refreshment list and you would like to serve, please contact the church office.

\*\*If you're not able to serve on a particular Sunday, please call someone to replace you.

# FEBRUARY 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Septuagesima</i></p> <p>9:15 am Divine Service 11 am Sunday School Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7 pm Elders</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 am Matins 10 am Bible Study</p> <p>7 pm J.H. Catechesis</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10 am Ladies Aid</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sexagesima</i></p> <p>9:15 am Divine Service 11 am Sunday School Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:30 pm Properties</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9 am Quilters</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30 am Matins 10 am Bible Study</p> <p>7 pm J.H. Catechesis</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:15 am Matins 9:45 am to noon Homeschool Co-Op</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Quinquagesima</i></p> <p>9:15 am Divine Service 11 am Sunday School Bible Study 6 to 8 pm H.S. Catechesis</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ash Wednesday</i></p> <p>9:30 am Matins 10 am Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 pm Divine Service</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:30 am Men's Study 9 to 10 am Private Confession</p>
<p>22</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The First Sunday in Lent</i></p> <p>9:15 am Divine Service 11 am Sunday School Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9 am Quilters</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30 am Matins 10 am Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Divine Service Adult Choir</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:15 am Matins 9:45 am to noon Homeschool Co-Op</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9 to 10 am Private Confession</p>