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Greetings and welcome to February, Black History Month, and the start of the Lenten Season. Welcome to one of the coldest and snowiest winter seasons in a decade or more; our brothers and sisters in the northern regions of Michigan may even break historic records for annual snowfall this year! While I dislike the cold and driving conditions, I love the beauty of the snow falling and clinging to the trees with the light sparkling off the snow covered branches. And, one probably shouldn't ignore that February is also a season for lovers as Valentine's Day makes an appearance and chocolate is consumed in large quantities!

In the church, Lent begins. Lent is a time for introspection, discernment, learning the ways of Jesus and journeying through the triumphs, trials, heartaches, hopes, and life giving gifts. Lent invites us into the complexity, the opportunity, the deeper understandings of faith. It invites us into the intimacy of faith. It invites us into the mystical, miraculous, spirit realm where we encounter God in different and unique ways. Lent invites us to join the journey, to walk the path, to take time to fast and to pray, to join the worship and teaching of Jesus' message. And, it opens a window to provide us courage, strength, and hope even when confronted by trials, tribulations, and the valley of the shadow of death. Lent is a journey, a spiritual discipline, a pathway, a walk, an invitation. It is an invitation for us to engage in spirit, in community.

This season, will you take time to listen for the Holy Spirit? Listen for how the God is speaking to you, to your heart, as an individual. What do you hear or sense God saying to you this season. Listen to how God is speaking to our community. What do you hear or sense God saying to our community of faith together? Listen for how God is speaking to our world. What do you hear or sense God saying to you about the needs of our world, of God's people and creation? How is God speaking to us and inviting us into the story.

Lenten Season

This season, allow yourself to have rest. Allow yourself to have times of quietness. Allow yourself to be cared for, you wounds to be healed, your heart to be mended, your spirit to be touched. This season, allow the working of the Holy Spirit to engage you in prayer, in nature, in the mystical experiences.



Lent is not a season meant for giving up chocolate or coffee or other such things. It is not a season to see if you can drop weight or even quit smoking. While it is good to try, it is not meant to be a Lenten exercise. What Lent invites you to do is to discern what you need to let go of or give up so that you can be closer to God. Lent is also about discerning and understanding what you should take up, accept, claim, increase that will help you grow closer in your walk with God.

During this season we have opportunities to share in faith with each other. We will also have opportunities to worship and share in Lenten experiences with our sisters and brothers from Howarth, Paint Creek, Lake Orion, and Clawson. For **Ash Wednesday**, **Howarth UMC** will have drop in Ash Service from 4-6 PM. A **Holy/Maundy Thursday Service** will take place at **Paint Creek UMC** (meal from 5:30-6:30 PM) at 7:00 PM. Then, a **Holy Thursday Service** at 7:00 PM, **Paint Creek UMC** will be the host. **St. Luke's** will host the **Good Friday Service** at 7:00pm So, I invite you into the season of Lent. May we walk this journey together with God with hope and anticipation and hope.



Noisy Offering

Noisy Offering takes place every fourth Sunday of the month. Please bring your spare change, as Noisy Offering goes towards our Ministry Apportionment Shares.

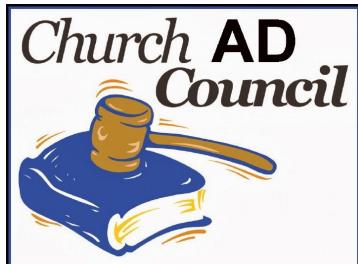
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Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive is on Wednesday, March 11 (note the time change) from 12:30pm-5:30pm.

Spread the word and sign up now on redcrossblood.org.



AD Council Meeting

The next AD Council meeting is on Thursday, March 19 at 7:00pm.



Hope Warming Center

We will be feeding the hungry at the Hope Warming Center April 13-18. We are accepting all donations. Please indicate Hope Warming Center on your check. Thank you for your participation. Any questions see Spencer Mitchell.



Next Newsletter

The Next deadline for our newsletter will be on February 26th. Please get any and all articles to the office no later than that date!



February **BIRTHDAYS**

- 2/1 Ron Leasure
- 2/5 Frances Smith
- 2/7 Sophia Bachmann
- 2/8 Charlie Martin
- 2/9 Jose Ceppi
- 2/9 Meredith Michalec
- 2/13 Kyle Reinhout
- 2/19 Kim Gorman

February **BIRTHDAYS**

- 2/22 Nancy Branstner
- 2/23 Davis Waterfield
- 2/25 Austin Waterfield
- 2/25 Logan Pizzurro
- 2/25 Mark Chockley
- 2/27 Sharon Bassett
- 2/28 Carlos Ceppi

February **ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2/2 Donald & Harriet Van Loo

March **BIRTHDAYS**

- 3/3 Katie Camaiani
- 3/5 Alexis Gorman
- 3/6 Julie Postek
- 3/12 Brian Thornberry
- 3/13 Judy Doughty
- 3/14 Janice Heline

March **BIRTHDAYS**

- 3/14 Tom Thompson
- 3/20 Jared Thompson
- 3/21 Carla Lindeen
- 3/22 Alex Shultz
- 3/29 Nancy Carey

March **ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3/13 Ronald & Karen Pascaretti
- 3/31 Neil & Karen Reinhout

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New Membership
Orientations are scheduled throughout the year. If you are interested in attending the next orientation, please call the church office to sign up at 248-373-6960.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH FAMILY?
*Come experience
the welcoming spirit of St. Luke's.*



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30-11:00 AM - FELLOWSHIP