
The InnerNet

Early February 2021

Ashes

I feel like I have ashes in my mouth; the ashes of mourning and loss from sitting alone these past 11 months, waiting for church to re-open. As we approach Ash Wednesday and another disconnected Lent, I feel a deeper bond to this season, and especially Ash Wednesday. The first recorded use of ashes was in 10th century Germany, and it was a sprinkle of ash over the people and a reading from Genesis 3.19 where the Lord punishes Adam and Eve, reminding them they are created from dust of the earth and shall return to it. The imposition of an ash cross most likely dates from the late 19th or early 20th century, and was a reminder of the connection of our dying in baptism and being raised to new life in Christ. The earlier practice connects us to our mortality, reminding us how once people were buried in the dirt of the land. The later practice is about our yearly return to God in sorrow, seeking forgiveness.

This Ash Wednesday, we have a reason to reclaim an ancient practice, to be in solidarity with the almost 500,000 families who have lost a loved one to COVID. We will not be marked with an ashen cross, but rather will have an opportunity to receive a bag with ash mixed with soil, a reminder of our mortality and how Christ broke the bonds of eternal death. We will remember Genesis 3, “remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return” with a new sense of connectedness to each other and a world shaped by pandemic.

During Lent, there will be a variety of items provided to help your devotional life, from reflection cards to postings on Face Book and the LSLC website. There will be uploaded reflections as well for both families and adults. The use of these items during a season of 40 days, is to encourage your return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. This return happens as you practice the 3 discipline of Lent, prayer, fasting, and giving. There will be tools offered which will help you, as well as some on-line recordings each week. I’m still mourning the lack of in-person worship, yet I celebrate that we will try together to be in this season in new ways.

In Christ’s Love—Pastor Angela

FAMILY Lent in a Bag—Holy Week in a Bag

Lent Begins Wednesday February 17 Families, to help explain what and why of Lent, a family worship bag which provides some worship, prayers, and items to use from Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday will be prepared for you.

Following, we will have a Holy Week bag available
Pick up beginning Saturday Feb 6-Feb 16.

ADULT Ash Wednesday and Lent in a Bag

Holy Communion wafer, plus other symbolic items will be available for pick up beginning Sat. Feb. 6-Feb. 17. These items will be used in our Live-Stream service on Wed. Feb. 17, at 7 p.m.

Included will be some devotional materials for you to use at home. Pick up 2/6-2/16.



Lutheroad Day Camp June 21-25 9AM-2PM (extended day available)

Camp changes lives by forming connections to God and others. It is a chance for the children to spend quality time with each other and with other caring young adults, who model the life of faith. All are welcome to enjoy a week of day camp with the counselors from Lutheridge leading the campers in games, crafts, faith development, fun! For those who have completed kindergarten to finish 5th grade, it will be a week to remember. Church members and non-members welcome. Modest cost (\$80-\$100), extended day, \$75, scholarships available, DO NOT let cost be a factor.



NEW MASKS FOR A NEW YEAR! Tired of wearing the same ole same ole masks? Well, we've got exciting news for you! Absolutely FREE. Come and get some new masks, courtesy of Barb Tobin.

Many different fabrics to choose from. Several sizes as well. Please make arrangements with Ruth to stop by the church to pick yours out. And thanks, Barb, for this labor of love!



Each week Worship via Zoom where you can see and speak to others, follow the liturgy, respond and sing together. This service includes Holy Communion each week. Click the link below to participate.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84896972877?pwd=YlhMekJoUWJ0MIRXdHpHVWtXT3pvZz09>

Dial by Phone +1 301 715 8592 Meeting ID: 848 9697 2877 Passcode: 746523

Zoom Holy Communion is offered the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83925826730?pwd=MGdnd3MvcE1qanlnZk40OWkrQ2ZBdz09>

Meeting ID: 839 2582 6730 Passcode: 842543

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP ON-LINE 7 PM FEBRUARY 17

Ash Wednesday will happen, just not as we expect. No ashes will be imposed, not gathering in the sanctuary for Holy Communion. Yet will offer worship via Live Stream at 7 PM. Communion elements are available for pick up. We will also provide with the elements, something to help you remember the ashes of the season.

Do you ever feel lost, alone, challenged by the care for others or even for yourself in a health crisis? If so, the Caring and Sharing support group at LSLC can make a difference. This group will hold its next monthly Zoom meeting on Friday, February 12, 2021 at 10am. The group welcomes all – church members, friends and neighbors - who seek connection, friendship, support, and resource information to help care for others or themselves during illness, loss or the challenges of aging. For more information about the group and the Zoom link to join the meeting, contact Betty Reynolds at 704-287-5724 or CoachBettyR@gmail.com.



Praying for Possibilities!

Prayer for our congregation, preschool, and staff are critically important in these days of closure and social distance.

01/31-02/07 Tracy Anderson and William Charnock

02/07-02/14 Lillian Stephens and Nancy Mersereau

02/14-02/21 Jean Dunne and Janet Wagstaff

02/21-2/28 Glenda Kilminster and Maria



You can pray in person, or together by phone. Let us know if we can help by providing a new prayer booklet.

FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR DECEMBER 2020 MONTH END

This report is for the twelfth month of the fiscal year ending January 31, 2021.

General Fund	Actual
Contributions, etc.	381,615
Expenses and Transfers	373,495
Net Contributions less Expenses/Tranfers	8,120

Facilities Fund	Actual
Beginning Balance 1/31/2020	65,127
Transfers from General Fund	18,333
Contributions	5,470
Expenditures	(7,150)
Ending Balance	81,781

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

10:00 a.m., via Zoom. "Ten Men of the Bible" should be an interesting study. **Janet Mayer**
(janetmayer@bellsouth.net)

Here is the link and invitation: pastorangela@livingsaviourlc.org is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81907545777?pwd=c0RVVGQ3VWd1UFIVVEhOTDc3L1hOQT09>
+1 646 558 8656 US Meeting ID: 819 0754 5777 Passcode: 641388



Your opportunity to save a life is coming up!

February 14, in our parking lot, the Big Red Bus from One Blood will be open to receive life-giving blood donations. Easy to sign up, gifts galore, plus on the day of Love, you can know the power of sharing your love through a donation.

To secure an appointment, www.oneblood.org/donate-now and use code #62528

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers Sign Up made easy! To donate flowers (in memory or in honor of loved ones) you may call the church office, or use signupgenius.com option

Just click on the link below, scroll down to find the Sunday you'd like to donate (you can select multiple dates if desired). Then click on "Submit & Sign Up" at the bottom of the page; enter your dedication. You will be asked for your name and email address (you should then receive a confirmation email and then a reminder email later on). Then click the sign up link and it's all taken care of! The cost is \$50.00; make checks payable to LSLC with "Altar Flowers" on the memo line. Your check may be mailed to the church or drop it off during business hours.

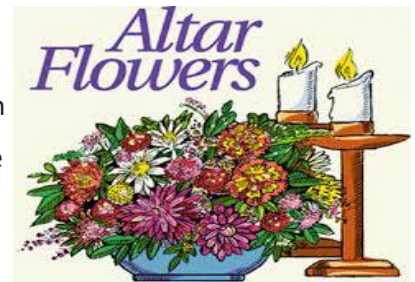
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CACAC29A6F4C16-2021>

Thanks to the following, who are signed up to donate altar flowers to the glory of God to beautify the Sanctuary for our Sunday worship:

February 7—Sandy and Bill Larsen, To the Glory of God and in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary.

February 14—Elaine Horack, To the Glory and Honor of God and in honor of the marriage of Elaine to Bill Johnson.

February 21-March 28 NO Altar Flowers during Lent



SHARE-THE-LOVE RETURNS AS AN ON-LINE GIVING OPPORTUNITY

Every day over 100 homeless kids seek shelter through the Salvation Army Center of Hope. 2020 has been especially difficult as Covid-19 has created more concern and need. To reduce crowding and the spread of Covid-19, the Center has relocated many women and children to multiple other sites, clothed and fed them, provided bedding and essentials, as well as delivering social services. This is an on-going effort in the days of the COVID 19 pandemic.


LSLC's past generosity providing for the basic needs of the kids has been appreciated deeply. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, we would be most grateful if you could please **SHARE THE LOVE** this Lent by **donating online**. Simply click the link below (choose DONATE ONLINE and in the Comments box write: To benefit the Center of Hope children). <https://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/charlotte/programs/homeless-services/>

Thank you for your generosity to see the kingdom of God come to the women and children in need.

For more information, contact Kristen Haigler kristenbry@msn.com or Betty Reynolds CoachBettyR@gmail.com



FEBRUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom)	3 10:00 a.m. "Ten Men of the Bible" Study via Zoom 6:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Rehearsal	4	5	6
7 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed	8	9 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom) 6:45 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	10 10:00 a.m. "Ten Men of the Bible" Study via Zoom 6:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Rehearsal	11	12 10:00 a.m. Caring and Sharing (Zoom)	13
14 <i>Transfiguration</i> 9:15 a.m. Zoom Worship 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live 11:45 Zoom Holy Communion only Streamed 2:00 p.m. Private Wedding	15 President's Day	16 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom) 6:45 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	17 10:00 a.m. "Ten Men of the Bible" Study via Zoom 7 pm Ash Wednesday worship Live Stream	18	19	20
21 <i>LENT 1</i> 9:15 a.m. Zoom Worship 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed	22	23 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom) 6:45 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	24 10:00 a.m. "Ten Men of the Bible" Study via Zoom 6:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27
28 <i>LENT 2</i> 9:15 a.m. Zoom Worship 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed 11:45 Zoom Holy Communion only						
<u>February Birthdays</u>				<u>February Anniversaries</u>		
02/04 C.D. Hathcock, Brandon Ward 02/06 Alicia Cook, Maria Rozhin 02/10 Thomas Chriske 02/11 Cathy Lyall, Catherine Williams 02/13 John Maise 02/14 Ben Thompson 02/15 Eric Krantz 02/16 Patricia Garrison, Linda Poley 02/17 Elsie McGlone 02/18 Victor Leeser 02/19 Collin Quinlan 02/22 Anna Pearce, George Shabla 02/23 Matthew Noonkester 02/24 Janet Mayer, Pat Snodgrass 02/28 Jeff Haigler				02/06 Chuck and Erin Malinowski (28 years)		

Your Offerings: You may mail your offering to the church or make an on-line donation. We are continuing to pay salaries, maintain the building, and care for our neighbors. Whether we meet in person or via electronic means, God graciously provides, and asks us to generously share with others in loving response.