

The Trinity Tidings

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Worship Schedule
Sunday Worship 9:00 am
Education/Fellowship Hour 10:10 am



Trinity's Mission Statement

We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.





From Pastor Tim...

Vocation comes from the Latin word **vocare** which means “to call.” Therefore, vocation literally means, “calling.” To embrace vocation is to recognize that what one does in life is not merely by one’s personal choice or merely for one’s personal fulfillment or (monetary) gain. Instead, God calls people to be a part of God’s purposes in this world for the sake of the common good/community. Leaning into the call of God is to live attentive to vocation.

With this understanding, vocation is much more than the job that one has or the work that one does. <https://credomag.com/article/martin-luther-and-the-doctrine-of-vocation/>

Vocation asks two fundamental questions in all areas of one’s life

Who am I called to be?

What am I called to do?

In the next 8 weeks I will be undergoing a personal study called **The Nourishing Vocation Project (NVP)** offered by St. Olaf College. The NVP has invited me and our congregation to deepen our understanding of God’s call upon our life and work so that we can thrive.

I will be following a series of Daily Reflection exercises following the topic of VOCARE:

V - Values: What did you value today?

O - Openness: How were you open today?

C - Call: What called to you today?

A - Attentiveness: What held your attention today?

R - Regret: What do you regret from today?

E - Experience God’s presence: How did you experience God’s presence today?

What do you need for tomorrow?

In light of your reflection today, name what you need to lean into your vocations tomorrow.

Prayer:

I will conclude my daily reflection with the prayer below or with a prayer of my choosing:

O God, you call us to be your presence in this world. Help us to hear your voice and to show forth your ways of justice and mercy in all that we do, all that we say, and all that we are. For the ways that I have failed this day, forgive me. For the renewal that I need this night, bring me rest. For the life to which you call me in tomorrow, give me strength, courage, and grace. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

For the next eight weeks I will be following a series of readings based on various themes related to **vocare**. There will be selected music, poetry, scripture, and artistic imagery I will working with each week.

Then, as I write my “Pastor’s Corner” articles, I hope to offer some of the insights and feelings that I have found in my studies, readings and prayer time. However, **As I am writing this, I think it would be a great exercise for anyone to do the same exercise with the same material along with me during this next few weeks.** I could easily send you the guided lessons and explanations of the teachings and “course.” God has called us all to be ministers no matter what our, “vocare” may be. Please let me know if you would like me to send you a copy of the material and we could even set up a weekly time to discuss our thoughts, writings (journaling), and discoveries.

Please let me know. I am presently in the middle of the first week. But I will let you know in advance, there is plenty of material offered to explore and think about! But, what fun!

Grace and peace to all, Pastor Tim



DO JUSTICE ...
love kindness ...
 WALK HUMBLLY
with our God.



MICAH 6:8

Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Read the Bible in a Year



Week of February 6

Su	Luke 5:1-11
M	1 Corinthians 14:26-40
Tu	1 Timothy 3:1-9
W	Luke 5:27-32
Th	Acts 13:26-34
F	1 Peter 1:17-2:1
Sa	Luke 11:24-28

Week of February 13

Su	Luke 6:17-26
M	1 Corinthians 15:20-34
Tu	2 Corinthians 1:12-19
W	Luke 11:37-52
Th	Romans 8:1-11
F	1 John 2:12-17
Sa	Luke 12:57-59

Week of February 20

Su	Luke 6:27-38
M	1 Corinthians 11:2-16
Tu	1 Corinthians 11:17-22, 27-33
W	Luke 17:1-4
Th	Acts 3:11-16
F	Acts 10:1-8
Sa	Luke 10:21-24

Week of February 27

Su	Luke 9:27-43
M	Acts 10:9-23a
Tu	Acts 10:23b-33
W	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Th	Acts 7:30-34
F	Acts 7:35-42
Sa	John 12:27-36

Cut this out and use as a bookmark in your Bible. Remember to read your love letter from God each and every day.



Telling and Teaching the Truth: The Church's Obligation to Education about the Ongoing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery

From Churches Beyond Borders: Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Anglican Church of Canada, The Episcopal Church, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

As another school year commences, we are reminded that the educational systems we have handed down to our children often teach national narratives that perpetuate white supremacy by deleting and ignoring the histories and contributions of Indigenous People and other marginalized communities and peoples in both Canada and the United States. The ongoing legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery and the sinful acts of racism in North America are rarely if ever taught in our school systems or churches with the fullness and import that is necessary and just.

When Christians engage history with honesty, humility and a spirit of confession, it is clear that the church was and is complicit:

- In the hunting and killing of Indigenous Peoples,
- In the dishonorable breaking of thousands of treaties that federal governments made with First Nations and Native nations,
- In the forced removal of Indigenous Peoples from their original homelands,
- In the relocation of Indigenous Peoples into reserves and reservations where poverty, starvation, desperation, missionization, addiction, and suicide were allowed to become the rule for generations of Indigenous people,
- In the making of long-term federal policies that enforced family separation,
- In the stealing of Indigenous children away to brutal assimilation camps known as Indian boarding schools in the US and residential schools in Canada,
- In the ongoing plight of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls,
- In the coverup of all of these evils, including through systemic efforts to erase Indigenous Peoples from our collective memory.

Scripture reminds us that the truth is costly. In Proverbs 23:23 we read, "Buy truth, and do not sell it; buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding" (NRSV). Our churches' work to repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery begins with the costly work of telling the truth.

Only then will we be able to start making good on our promises as churches and, together across borders, to seek truth and healing for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples by:

- Providing educational opportunities for all of our churches' people,
- Leading advocacy efforts for legally mandated inclusion of accurate and truthful history and narratives of Indigenous people in our educational systems at all learning levels,
- Standing in solidarity with residential and boarding school survivors and their descendants,
- Doing the necessary research to reveal as much truth about this shameful part of our churches' histories.

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Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry
The Episcopal Church

Linda Nicholls

Archbishop and Primate Linda Nicholls
Anglican Church of Canada



GOOD STEWARDSHIP

Who's Minding the Children What We/You Can do

(continued from last month ~ Excerpt from *Giving* magazine)

Children and young people need to see healthy, balanced ways to live that counteract the messages of marketers. Parents and other adults must look deep inside themselves and ask, “How do I model what I want for my children? Where have I caved to the pressure to conform and adopt the values of consumerism?”

God has given people a sense called intuition. Writer Gavin De Becker calls it a “brilliant guardian,” or the “wild brain.” He says that if we tap into it, we will hear it “whisper” sometimes not-so-polite truth, for it will “obey nothing, conform to nothing, answer to nobody, and do whatever it takes to protect children.” Parents need to heed what their instincts are telling them.

Parents also need to become media savvy and teach their children to do likewise. They need to learn everything they can about the media their children are immersed in. And they need to communicate with their children.

Parents and other adults also need to find ways to connect with children and teach them what it means to be a consumer. One way is to help children understand where food comes from. When we just pull up a chair and consume the food brought to your table, we are disconnected with the tilling, sowing, waiting, growing, butchering, packaging, cooling, and transporting it took to get it there. Children learn from direct experience. Let a child drop a carton of eggs if it means he or she will help bake a quiche for supper. Don't deprive a children of the joy of squatting beside a younger brother to teach him about how worms make the soil richer. Take the whole family on an outing to a you-pick apple orchard. Children come to value what they have made, dug, or harvested with their own hands. They will not waste it. In fact, they will want to share it.

Another way to connect with youth is by inviting a few younger people to “friend” you on Facebook. Younger sisters and bothers need trusting relationships with older siblings who have their best interests at heart and will stand by them.

You're sure to find other creative ways to connect with children and young people. Know the Good Shepherd's voice and help them to know it too. Help them have enough of what they desperately do need.

A couple of reminders—If you are a Thrivent member, don't forget to designate Trinity as a recipient of your choice dollars for 2021-2022 by March 31. Then after April 1, you will need to do it for the 2022-2023 year. The committee has been able to fund some very worthwhile projects over the years and you are thanked very much for considering this opportunity.

In addition, if you are eligible for Thrivent action cards, consider a project at Trinity that you can sponsor. Many of the things we do in a group qualify for a project. More about potential projects next month.

Thanks to the many faithful stewards that attend Trinity and help support the many ministries in our community, nation and world.





Children, Youth and Family

January was Camp Month, and we hope all of our families received their Green Lake Summer Camp information and registration paperwork in the mail! Registration is due by Feb. 9th in order to receive the Early Bird discount, so if we missed you please let us know so we can get that to you ASAP! Copies of this paperwork can also be found in the church office. Please note, we require all registrations & deposits to be **FIRST** made online on the Green Lake website, with the paper portion returned back to us in the office. We hope you will consider this **LIFE CHANGING** opportunity!

Our parking lot snow hill is getting impressively large, so plans are in the works for a Snow Party on February 17 after school lets out. We will have hot coco, sleds, shovels, and everything else necessary for a good time! All ages are welcome to join the fun!

Lastly, this month we will be reaching out to all families with 3rd grade students who will be eligible to receive their first communion in March! Keep an eye out for more information on that as plans solidify.

Have an excellent February!

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Kelliagh Peterson, Nicole Stevermer
and Trista Barka



February:

- 2/2: Confirmation class
- 2/6: Sunday school ~ Children Singing (8:45 in Library for 9 am service)
- 2/9: Confirmation class; GL camp registration due
- 2/13: Sunday school
- 2/16: Confirmation class
- 2/17: Parking lot snow party; walk over after school!
- 2/20: Sunday school
- 2/23: LAST Confirmation class
- 2/27: Sunday school

Happy birthday this month to...

Jacob Schultz, Gunny Coulson, Natalee Nachreiner, Austin Uecker, Skylar Bohlin, Paige Haala, Braylon Nelson, Miles Krzmarzick, Gabriel Pool, Brandon Hardin, & Finley Guyer!

Did we miss you? Let us know so we can update our files.

Parking lot party!

Thursday, February 17
(Walk over after school!)

Sledding, tunneling & digging, activities and plenty
of hot coco to warm you up!

Dress appropriately for the cold!



We are thankful to God for being with us during these trying times, for helping and guiding us.

We rejoice some restrictions have been lifted, and that we can safely join together in one place for worship again.

According to the CDC, it is **safe for fully vaccinated people to gather for worship** and we invite you to return to worship in person. Please get your booster as recommended. If you have not yet been vaccinated, we encourage you to do so, for your own health and that of others. Having had covid-19 previously **does not protect you** from new disease variants as effectively as a vaccination does.

Face coverings and physical distancing at worship at Trinity are recommended. If you have been fully vaccinated, you need not wear a mask or practice physical distancing. Those who have not been vaccinated are encouraged to wear a mask and to continue physical distancing.

The option of **live-streamed worship services** will continue to be offered for those who are unable to attend worship in person. Check Trinity's web page at www.trinitysleepyeye.org.

Regular Holy Communion is available, although the single-serving communion cups will remain for use by those who prefer them.

For those who wish to continue to **physically distance**, one-quarter of the space in the sanctuary will continue to be roped off in an every-other pew fashion. Seating restrictions have been removed from the other pews.

Worshippers will continue to be **greeted and sign-in** as before, and a photo of the congregation will be taken.

Worship guidelines will continue to be revisited at upcoming Lay Ministry meetings, as we continue to return to a new normal.

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

Newsletter Deadline: The next issue of *Tidings* will be in mailboxes March 1st. **Please have items for the newsletter to Darlene by the 20th of each month.**

Our Services are broadcast on Channel 8 each Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. or on our webpage anytime. Share the Good News with those who are unable to join us in person!

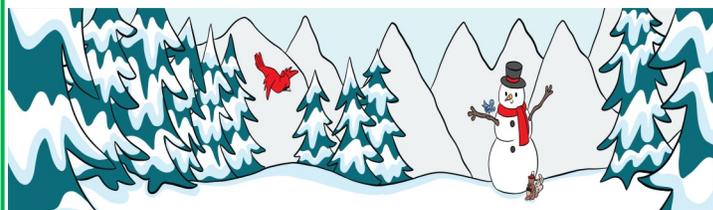


THIS & THAT



Soup suppers are back for Lent! Soup and bread will be served beginning at 5:30 starting on Wednesday, March 2, Ash Wednesday. Lenten Worship will begin at 7:00 pm. Please join us for your choice of three soups on a Wednesday evening as we create fellowship for youth, adults, and families before Worship. This will be a simple meal of soup, bread and dessert during the Lenten season. A freewill donation is always appreciated.

All are welcome!



FOR TRADE WE ARE SELLING **COFFEE AT REDUCED PRICE AS MARKED.** The coffee is packaged in vacuum sealed bags, so even if it is past the expiration date it still is good. Because we never have sold the coffee for much of a mark-up, all the prices are less than we paid for the coffee. Everyone who buys the coffee will be getting the coffee for less than we paid for it.



10 Worship Assistants



FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes

- 2/6 Jacob Fulmer
- 2/13 Kaden Braun
- 2/20 Bodi Parker
- 2/27 Nora Coulson

Readers

- 2/6 Susie Pedersen
- 2/13 Harold Pettis
- 2/20 Terry Newgord
- 2/27 Pat Stevermer

Communion Assistants

- 2/6 Harold Pettis, Mark Miller
Sue Pedersen
- 2/20 Karen Voge, Larry Baumgardt,
Donna Augustin

Sound Tech

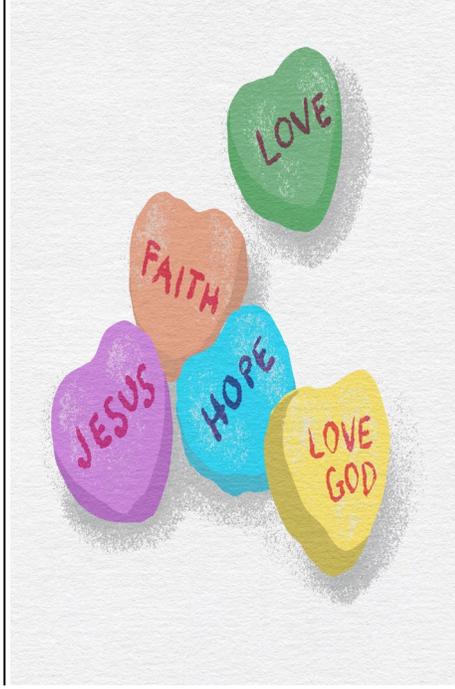
Russ Sorensen

February Ushers

Lee & Isaac Johnson

February Greeters

Connie Johnson, Sue Pedersen

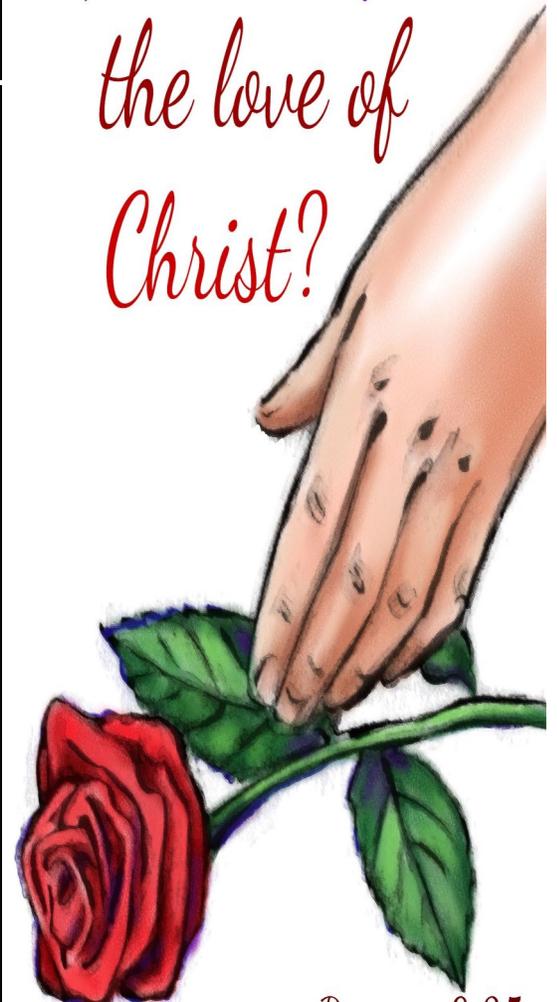


February: Nicole Stevermer, Nikki Nachreiner
March: Beth Klein, Sara Sellner



Group Two will be the next servers.
Group Two Co-chairs are
Doug Domeier & Mary Renberg

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?



Romans 8:35

MARCH 2022

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes

- 3/6 Megan Sellner
- 3/13 Paige Haala
- 3/20 Anna Johnson
- 3/27 Jacob Mellen

Readers

- 3/6 Karen Voge
- 3/13 Eric Wahlborg
- 3/20 Rose Wall
- 3/27 Cindy Anderson

Communion Assistants

- 3/6 Harold Pettis, Lee Johnson
Mark Miller
- 3/20 Larry Baumgardt, Neil Neidt
Donna Augustin

Sound Tech

Russ Sorensen

January Ushers

Mike Peterson & Mark Miller

January Greeters

Rose Wall & Diane Evers

Wednesday Lenten Services 7:00 pm.

Acolytes

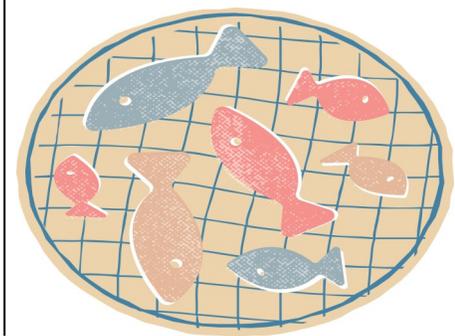
- 3/2 Carson Uecker
- 3/9 Destiney Dittbenner
- 3/16 Kayden Klein
- 3/23 Skylar Bohlin
- 3/30 Hunter Mertz

Communion Assistants

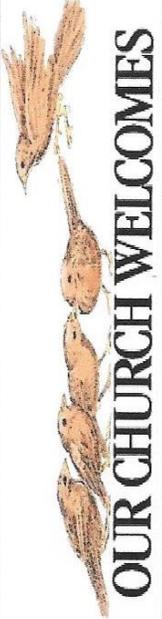
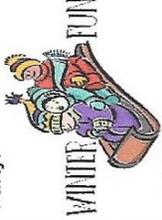
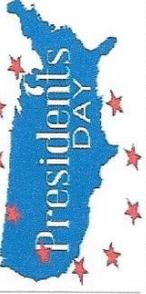
- 3/2 Larry Baumgardt

March Usher & Greeter

Jon Hansen



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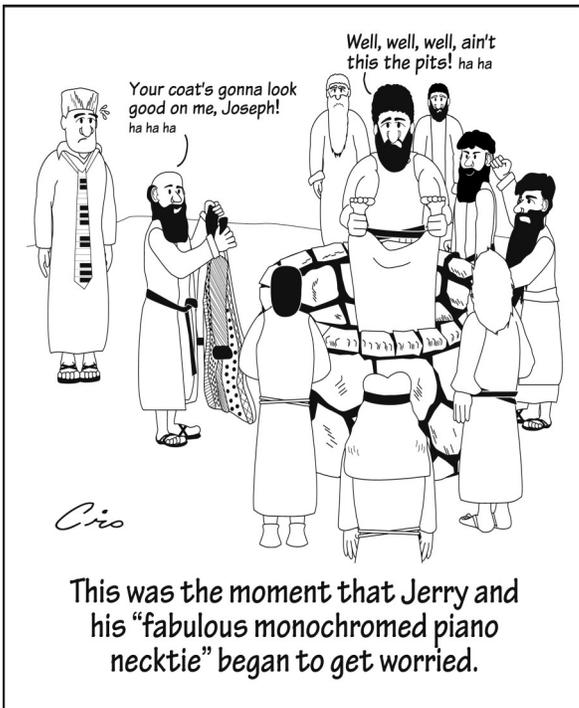
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>9 am- Holy Communion 10:10 am Education Hour Camp Registration Due Today! <i>Fifth Sunday after</i></p>  <p>Epiphany</p>	 <p>OUR CHURCH WELCOMES</p>	<p>1 7 am Men's Bible Study 11 am Staff Meeting 2 pm Maples Bible Study 3-5:30 pm Prokinship 6:30 pm-AA</p>	<p>2 9 am-Women's Bible Study 6 pm Trinity Choir 7 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>3 Darlene on Vacation</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 9 am- Holy Communion 10:10 am Education Hour Camp Registration Due Today! <i>Fifth Sunday after</i></p>  <p>Epiphany</p>	<p>7 8 am Quilting & Bandage Making 5:30 pm AI Anon</p>	<p>8 7 am Men's Bible Study 10 am Staff Meeting 1 pm Green Lake Annual Meeting 6:30 pm-AA</p>	<p>9 9 am-Women's Bible Study 6 pm Trinity Choir 7 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>10 10 am Countryside Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 9 am- Worship ~ 10:10 am Education Hour 11:30 Worship at Sundown Lutheran <i>Sixth Sunday of</i></p>  <p>Epiphany</p>	<p>14 8 am Quilting & Bandage Making 2 pm Ross Park Bible Study 5:30 pm AI Anon</p> 	<p>15 7 am Men's Bible Study 11 am Staff Meeting 2 pm Maples Bible Study 3-5:30 pm Prokinship 6:30 pm-AA</p>	<p>16 9 am-Women's Bible Study 6 pm Trinity Choir 7 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>17 After School Snow Party!</p> 	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 9 am- Holy Communion 10:10 am Education Hour</p>  <p>TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE</p> <p><i>Seventh Sunday After</i> EPIPHANY</p>	<p>21 8 am Quilting & Bandage Making 5:30 AI Anon 6:30 Stewardship</p> 	<p>22 7 am Men's Bible Study 11 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm-AA</p>	<p>23 9 am-Women's Bible Study 6 pm Trinity Choir 7 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>24 10 am Countryside Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 9 am- Worship 10:10 am Education Hour 11:30 Worship at Sundown Lutheran</p>  <p>TRANSFIGURATION —SUNDAY—</p>	<p>28 8 am Quilting & Bandage Making 2 pm Ross Park Bible Study 5:30 AI Anon</p> <p>Darlene Back</p>	<p>March 1 7 am Men's Bible Study 10 am Staff Meeting 2 pm Maples Bible Study 6:30 pm-AA</p>	<p>2 Ash Wednesday 9 am-Women's Bible Study Noon Worship 5:30 pm Soup Supper 7 pm Worship</p>			



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SUNDAY SCHOOL at 10:10 Am

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Monday-Thursday

May God bless and keep us all.