



+Christian Symbol+

CORNERSTONE

The cornerstone is a symbol for Christ. It has Old Testament roots in Isaiah's prophecy (Isaiah 28:16). In the New Testament, Christ is called the cornerstone in Ephesians 2:20. The IHC and XP on the stone's sides are abbreviations for "Jesus" and "Christ" in Greek.

CHAPEL NEWS

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

**NO MATTER WHAT
SIN WE HAVE
COMMITTED, NO
MATTER HOW
TERRIBLE IT MAY
BE, GOD LOVES US**

— BILLY GRAHAM

SOUP & PRAYERS

Soup & Prayers is one of those unique experiences that combines fellowship, Lenten reflection, and super duper soups!

Lent — the season of waiting, a season of self reflection, a season of learning, a season where perhaps “less” extravagant food is really “more”. Our Soup & Prayers program wraps all these things up in a nice, neat little package. If you’ve not joined us before, then this is the year you should, and if you have come before, come back again!

Join us starting next month on the following Wednesdays in the Church Family Room from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm:

February 25 • March 4 • March 11 • March 18 • March 25

Come and prepare your heart and soul for Easter.

— Pam Sakala



Patrick, Noyes “Bart” Bartholomew, Dolores Brickman, The Brooks Family, Charlie Brown, Tony Calise, Mike Chapman, John Claehsen, Bryant Rodriguez Cyriax, Carol Daley, Carol DeMott, Carol Doyle, Marge Durdunas, Amber Faison, Al & Barbara Frielink, Krista Fuchs, Cassandra Griffin, Mary Carolyn Harrison, Carol Hodgins, Dennis & Jennifer Kruk, Kaitlyn Kruk, Carol & Hugh Lally, Dolores Lowack, Marie Lupinski, Linda McFate, Jennifer Pinto, Doris Robinson, Lynda Romagnoli, John Schaefer, Linda Siegrist, Tina Smith & Family, Dave Splieth, the Vega Family, Devin Vega, Janice & Dave Wedderman and Raymond Zweil

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CORINNE'S CUPBOARD

This year during Lent we are again collecting food items for the Snack Pack Program started by Corinne Sakala years ago. The collection will run February 22 through March 29.

Many Bergen County school children who receive free or reduced priced school meals are left without adequate nutrition on the weekends and during holiday breaks. The program helps to fill this void by providing healthy, kid-friendly foods to these children. The snack packs are discreetly given to these kids by the classroom teacher on Friday afternoons or before school breaks.

We will collect the following food items for the Snack Packs:

-  Nutri-Grain Snack Bars – 1.3 oz. (no chocolate or nuts)
-  2% Milk Boxes – 8 oz., non-flavored, shelf stable
-  Chef Boyardee Microwavable Bowls – 7.5 oz.
-  100% Juice Boxes – 6.75 oz.
-  Cold Cereal Boxes – 1 oz. individual serving size
-  Macaroni & Cheese – 7.25 oz. boxes

At the end of Lent, we will assemble the items in bags and deliver them to the Center For Food Action who will then deliver them to the Bergen County schools in the program. Last year we assembled 300 bags!

If you'd like to help with this effort but would rather make a monetary donation, that's great also. We will use these funds to buy items to complete the packs. If you have any questions, please see Jan Behnke or Rosemary Chandra. Thanks for your help!

FAT TUESDAY IS BACK!



Pancakes for everybody! What better way to prepare ourselves for the season of Lent than our annual Fat Tuesday celebration! Join us immediately following our service on Sunday, February 15th, for this fun event! Why pancakes? Fat Tuesday is traditionally the last day to feast on fatty foods prior to the lean days of Lent — one final indulgence! So plan on staying after church that day for pancakes, bacon, and our infamous pancake flipping races! You too can be a pancake flipping master! An apron, a kerchief, and a small frying pan and you're off to the races — literally!

BIBLE QUIZ

The New Testament uses several Greek words to describe love. Which of the following best represents the selfless, sacrificial love that God shows to humanity?

- A. Eros
- B. Phileo
- C. Agape
- D. Storge

FEBRUARY

Lay Assistant | Usher Altar Guild | Counter Schedule

FEB 1	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Bob Denicola
Usher	Linda Polise
Altar Guild	
FEB 8	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Bill Jaichner
Usher	Anne Carman
Altar Guild	
FEB 15	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Chris Nilsen
Usher	Linda Comery
Altar Guild	Linda Polise
ASH WEDNESDAY FEB 18	8:00pm
Lay Assistant	Carrie Ralston
Usher	Margarete Denicola
Altar Guild	Gina Lally
FEB 22	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Pam Sakala
Usher	Lori Mercer
Altar Guild	



BIBLE READING PLAN: *From Death to Life*

During Lent, Christians observe 40 days of confession, prayer and renewal. Just as our Savior fasted and faced temptation in the desert for 40 days, we use this season to grow our faith and prepare to minister.

Use this Bible Reading Plan to follow Jesus to the cross and then rejoice at his empty tomb on Easter. Travel through Scripture to reflect on who Jesus is and what he lovingly endured to give us life.



The Dry Desert

- Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 [Ash Wednesday]
 - Genesis 3
 - Psalm 63:1-8
 - Matthew 4:1-11
- Sunday: Hebrews 4:14-16



Hope on the Horizon

- Numbers 21:4-9
 - 2 Samuel 7:1-16
 - Job 19:23-27
 - Isaiah 42:1-9
 - Daniel 7:13-14
 - Zechariah 9:9-17
- Sunday: Romans 8:22-30



Our Sacrificial Lamb

- Genesis 22:1-18
 - Exodus 12:1-17
 - Psalm 23
 - John 1:1-34
 - John 10:1-18
 - 1 Peter 1:18-23
- Sunday: Revelation 5



Hatred & Persecution

- Psalm 22
 - Jeremiah 20:7-13
 - Matthew 24:1-31
 - John 11:45-57
 - John 15:18-25
 - 2 Timothy 3:10-17
- Sunday: 2 Corinthians 4



Hosannas for a King

- Psalm 24:7-10
 - Jeremiah 23:5-6
 - Matthew 21:1-11
 - John 18:33-40
 - John 19:1-16
 - Hebrews 1:1-12
- Sunday: Revelation 7:9-17



Journey to the Cross

- John 2:13-22
 - Mark 14:1-11
 - John 13:1-17
 - Matthew 26:26-30
 - Luke 22:39-46
 - Mark 14:27-31, 66-72
- Palm Sunday: Ephesians 1:18-23



Victory Through Christ

- Isaiah 53
 - Matthew 26:47-56
 - Mark 15:16-20
 - John 6:47-58 [Maundy Thursday]
 - Matthew 27:32-54 [Good Friday]
 - Psalm 16:5-11 [Holy Saturday]
- Easter Sunday: Luke 24:1-8;
1 Corinthians 15:47-57

Note: Sundays, known as "mini-Easters," are excluded from Lent's 40 days. But this reading plan includes verses for each day from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday.

FEBRUARY 2026

Church (CH)
Fellowship Hall (FH)
Family Room (FR)
Office Building (OB)

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am	2	3	4	5	6	7 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
8 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Light lunch served followed by our Annual Congregational Meeting 11:45am	9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Fat Tuesday Coffee Hour	16 Presidents Day	17	18 Ash Wednesday Worship Service (CH) 8:00pm	19	20	21 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
22 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Council Meeting (OB) 11:15am	23	24	25 Soup & Prayers (FR) 6:30pm	26	27	28
MARCH 1 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am	2	3	4 Soup & Prayers (FR) 6:30pm	5	6	7 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am

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