



*St. John's Lutheran*

# MESSENGER

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## Pastor's Page....

*"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.*

*"Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin." Psalm 51:1-2*

Lent will be here before you know it. Some of us are working to figure out how to distribute ashes to all of you so that you can still participate in this ritual beginning of the season. Stay tuned for final instructions!

On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism.

Lent is a season to renew your commitment to the disciplines of faith: prayer, fasting and alms giving. It is my hope that we can gather a group of at least eight to ten disciples to attend a weekly Wednesday gathering of fellowship and devotions for the five Wednesday's following Ash Wednesday. We will begin at 7:00 p.m. with an opportunity for folks to sign into Zoom and unmute to catch up with each other's lives for 30 minutes. Then at 7:30 p.m., we will begin our brief worship service of word and prayer. Please let Karen in the office know if you are interested in joining us.

Fasting is a spiritual discipline that is not often practiced by most Lutherans, but this would be a wonderful year to experiment with it, perhaps in a modified form. Choose a day of the week that you will go without meat, for example, and take what you would have spent and collect it as an offering to ELCA World Hunger. Maybe you will find yourself ready to take the plunge and fast from dinner entirely one night a week and instead of eating, take that time to spend in prayer.

No matter whether you choose to make special alms giving or prayer or fasting the discipline you will focus on, while we journey through Lent to return to God, we rest in the knowledge that we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that "now is the day of salvation." Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

May this Lenten season be a time of spiritual growth and richness!

Serving our Lord with you,

*Pastor Joan*

## Watch for a new President's Chapel Mediations next month.

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**Did you know....**If you don't have a computer, you can JOIN ZOOM MEETINGS on your telephone.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88017089351?pwd=aEI5OWRyWGVYSHM0SFJ1cFRuOUZmdz09>



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Brian Kent has a factory reset Motorola Moto-G Smart phone available to anyone who may use it. It is factory reset and ready to be applied to a smart phone provider (Verizon, ATT, etc.). Just send him a note and he'll drop it off. Includes a charger, in perfect condition. (Came from my brother's estate).

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**Lashley, Linda C.**, age 67 of West Carrollton, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at Heartland of Miamisburg surrounded by her family. She was born on February 9, 1953 in Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Lashley was a graduate of Miamisburg High School Class of 1972; and a former employee of Woody's Market. Linda was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, the Parrot Head Club, German American Club & Liederkrantz Club of Dayton.

Preceded in death by her father Richard G. "Porky" Petticrew.

She is survived by her loving husband of 40 years Michael Lashley, her mother Joyce "Punk" (Gebhart) Petticrew, her sister Cindy (Dave) Coffey, her brother Richard "Richie" (Jenny) Petticrew, Jr., 3 uncles Gary (Nita) Petticrew, Butch (Jo) Gebhart, Bud (Amanda) Gebhart, 2 brothers-in-law Richard Lashley & William (Kitza) Lashley, 5 nieces Tina Coffey, Abigail (Scott) Nelson, Amanda (John) Musolino, Nikki (Brian) Smallwood, Felicity (Chris) Lilly, 3 nephews Adam Petticrew, Andrew (Andrea) Lashley, and Brent Lashley, great nieces & nephews, Skylar & Caley Shane, Jillian, Bridget, & Paige Nelson, John, Anabelle & Angelina Musolino, special friends Kathy Jewell-Morris, Robin Weaver, Eddie Stumbaugh, and Joyce Seibert, as well as other relatives and many friends.

A Memorial Service was held Sunday, January 17, 2021 at the Swart Funeral Home, West Carrollton with Pastor Brooke Phelps officiating.

**Budget Report for 2020**

<b>Income for 2020:</b>		<b>\$ 78,609.01</b>
<b>Expenses for 2020:</b>		
Outreach	\$6,000.00	
Staff	\$48,619.19	
Facility Upkeep/Administration	\$11,593.76	
Property Insurance	\$4,560.00	
Utilities	\$5,574.98	
Committees	\$2,256.55	
		<b>\$78,604.48</b>
<b>Annual Budget Balance (income - expenses):</b>		<b>\$ 4.53</b>

Description of categories:

**Outreach:** Benevolence, special benevolence.

**Staff:** Pastor's pay and expenses, staff salaries and benefits, FICA, worker's comp.

**Facility Upkeep/Administration:** Maintenance/repair and office expenses.

**Committees:** Discipleship, Learning, Worship & Music.



- February 1  
    Allen Jackson
- February 3  
    Linda Kent  
    Priscilla Goldie
- February 5  
    Traci Smith
- February 8  
    Mary Jo Mikesell
- February 9  
    Pastor Joan  
    Tom Hoffman
- February 11  
    Molly Brewer
- February 12  
    Joe Wilson
- February 16  
    Oscar Page
- February 17  
    Gary Ball
- February 18  
    Joyce Petticrew
- February 28  
    Diane Naylor  
    David Page

**Congregational Contacts**

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**Council Members**

Brian Kent      \*President  
 David Helter      \*Vice President  
 Linda Kent      \*Church Treasurer  
 Cathy Zimmer      \*Secretary  
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- February 12  
    Oscar & Suzie Page



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Ash Wednesday, February 17

Palm Sunday, March 28

Maundy Thursday, April 1

Good Friday, April 2

Easter, April 4