

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, February 14th,, 2021

Those in prayer: Lynne Gordon (Sharon & Russ Jones' daughter), Clarence Taplin, George Buringa (Tara's father-in-law), Margaret Akins, David Williams, Derrick Gee, Jim Hackl, Bill and Helen Birkemeier, Pam Brander, Carol Scoles, Mary Gaynor (Ross Johanning's sister, Silas Schwabe (Ross Johanning's nephew),
Please notify the office when you are ready for your loved one to be taken off of the prayer list.

Ash Wednesday in the Parking Lot

This year, the **imposition of ashes** will be given out in the Christ Lutheran Church parking lot on **February 17**. This will be done as a drive-through event and will take place while you are in your car. The times will be **Noon-12:30 PM** and **5:00-6:00 PM**. The parking lot will be marked Enter and Exit, so follow signs accordingly.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kirsten. Please join in as we observe this ancient ritual in a new way for our day and time.

There will also be an in-person worship at 7 PM if you would rather participate on Ash Wednesday in this way. Sign up on Sign-up Genius, call the office or email Melissa– limited to 60 people.

Lenten Devotionals

Melissa will be sending an email Monday with a printable Lenten Devotional attached. If you prefer to get yours sooner here is a link to the devotional as well: https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/lenten-devotional/?utm_source=bm23&utm_medium=email&utm_term=Download+Today&utm_content=CORRECT+LINK:+Download+the+2021+Lenten+devotional+today!&utm_campaign=20210129+-+2021+Lent+Devotinals

Book Discussion

Please join Pastor Kirsten in our Lenten journey this year in reading and discussing Richard Beck's book *Trains, Jesus, and Murder: The Gospel According to Johnny Cash*.

Here's a write up describing the book.

"'Saints and sinners, all jumbled up together.' That's the genius of Johnny Cash, and that's what the gospel is ultimately all about.

Johnny Cash sang about and for people on the margins. He famously played concerts in prisons, where he sang both murder ballads and gospel tunes in the same set. It's this juxtaposition between light and dark, writes Richard Beck, that makes Cash one of the most authentic theologians in memory." (amazon.com)

We will meet via Zoom on the Tuesdays in Lent, Feb. 23 - March 30, at 5:30 PM. Come for one or all the discussions. Please let Pr. Kirsten know if you'd like to participate, and she will send you the Zoom link.

CLCW News

Our bakeless bake sale is under way. Please help support us with our upcoming ministries this year through this project.

The Date has been set - May 6-7-8th Mark your Calender!

Church Wide Rummage Sale – (tentatively scheduled)

2 years of covid cleaning and collecting should mean you now have many wonderful, gently used items to contribute. More info to come.



Homeless Care Packages

For the third year in a row our confirmation class will be assembling homeless care packages during class on February 17th. As always we are in need of several donations to make these packages come to life. If you would be willing to donate any of the following items please email or call Melissa and let her know. We are aiming to make at least 40 this year as well. A bin will be placed in the Narthex for donations to be placed.

- 32 cereal or granola bars (softer are better in case of teeth issues)
- 40 gloves/mittens
- 40 cracker packs
- 40 Chapstick
- 40 hand warmers

ARDC Survey

The ADRC is currently working on our Aging Plan for 2022-2024. The Older Americans Act requires that we prepare an Aging Plan every three years to plan for services needed for residents over age 60. This plan is due to our funder in the summer of 2021. Before then, the ADRC needs to hear from folks throughout Sauk County as to what services they need from the ADRC. These comments help us determine the best way to spend funds in Sauk County during the next aging plan's cycle (2022-2024). In an effort to get as much input as possible, we are hoping to have as many in the age group mentioned above take the survey. A link to the survey can be found online at: <https://forms.gle/nqeb2UA1WgRP8Y4J7>.