



COVID-19 RESPONSE

At a meeting of the Church Council on February 7, we discussed the pros and cons of re-opening the church for in-person worship. It was decided by those present that we would re-open for in-person worship and other activities on Sunday, February 13. All activities, classes, meetings, and regular office hours have resumed. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out: 920-921-4949 or email to office@covenantforyou.church.

To my Covenant family-

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, prayers and visit— also the delicious soups, muffins and fruit. Hoping my next back injection will help with the pain. Miss seeing everyone at church. God bless you all! -Nina K.

Covenant Cares About People (CCAP)

On February 4, two of our ladies called me with cold weather coats for our school kids. I took six bags of coats and cold weather accessories to Riverside to spread them out a bit. The administrative assistant said it was perfect timing because parent-teacher conferences were that evening. She felt most of them would be given out there. Today, I went grocery shopping, and Pick N Save had oatmeal on sale so CCAP was able to get 40 boxes and distribute them to 4 schools. So far, we have given 440 boxes of cereal and oatmeal plus other grocery items in addition to the four cases of bananas each week since November of 2020.

-Darrell Jewson



It is amazing how much a single phone conversation can accomplish. If that call is to 211, it can connect people with a variety of services!

Many people in crisis don't know where to turn for help. 211 is here to help every person in every community find food, pay for housing or bills, and connect to other essential services. That includes making 3.7 million connections to address and reduce hunger and food insecurity in 2021.

Help make a difference by spreading the word about 211 to people in your loves—you never know who may need a helping hand.

Before You Stop Reading....

Be honest, if I had titled this article “Ash Wednesday” would you have continued reading? One of the least attended worship services of the Christian Year is Ash Wednesday (unless you count Sunrise.) And yet, one of the most important services to the growth of our faith is “Ash Wednesday.” This celebration, and it is a “celebration,” reminds us of God’s greatest mercy: that God still offers us His grace even though we do not deserve it. God’s love is unconditional even when we are the most undeserving. God’s acceptance is unconditional even though we may not want it. With grace, our life in Christ is abundant with joy no matter what comes our way because grace is our strength, our hope, our endurance and our uplifting. With mercy our life in Christ has the promise that our life in the world to come is life everlasting. It’s joy never ends.

There are many reasons why we avoid Ash Wednesday. Maybe it’s because worship for us is always and only on Sunday unless, of course, it’s Christmas Eve. Well, Ash Wednesday is uplifting. The hymns are not somber, and the Bible readings are not filled with “gloom, despair and agony on me.” They celebrate life and living it to God’s fullest. Maybe we don’t want to get black marks on our foreheads. Fine, either don’t come forward or tell the pastor, “No black marks, please.” Who’s going to notice? They all have ashes in their eyes. Maybe we don’t want to be reminded that we are dust (ashes), but without that dust, we have not been created in the first place.

Perhaps one of the most important reasons that Ash Wednesday is central to our faith is that we cannot fully grasp, cannot fully be involved in the true joy of Easter, cannot fully experience our own Resurrection without attending ALL three of the special Lenten services: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Ash Wednesday is March 2nd with service at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there.

-Pastor Chris



UMW

Sara Circle will meet Wednesday, March 2 at 10:45 in fellowship hall. We look forward to seeing each of you. It will be our annual pledge service program.

We need to choose a mission project for the year. They are again looking for specific health kits and that would be a possibility. Other suggestions are welcome.

We are hoping to have a banquet this May so it's time to begin planning all those details. Theme, food, bazaar and bake sale as well as program ideas need to be planned so be prepared to share your ideas.

We are now back to church so remember to choose a book to read; the selection is varied, and winter is a good time to read!

The mission project for Sara Circle for March is small snacks for ARC. Examples: Little Debbie's, Hostess, individual small bags of Lay's potato chips, granola bars, cheese and crackers, PB crackers. **Anything individually wrapped.**



Sending Forth Update

The Sending Forth Committee has been busy doing community service. We served Loaves and Fishes (drive-thru) to 85 clients on February 2. On February 8, we served a chili meal at Salvation Army Warming Shelter to 42 clients. A special thanks to all who donated money, volunteered to help or prepared food. We will serve another meal at the warming shelter on March 22.

Mission Project for February 13 through March 6 will be the Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive. Help ease the financial strain on homeless and crisis programs. All donations (cash or items) will go to local Fond du Lac programs including Solutions center, Salvation Army, New Beginnings, Beacon House and ADVOCAP. See insert of most-needed items.

Mission Offerings for March:

March 6-20:

Help for the Homeless

March 27: UMCOR



Birthdays



3/1	Jennifer Wittlinger
3/2	Audrey Fink
	William Olson
	Memphis Averbeck
3/5	Vickie Goldapske
3/12	Carol Sadler
3/15	Adam Averbeck
	Brayden Averbeck
3/16	Pastor Joel Deaner-Rogers
3/19	Karen Jewson
3/23	Tami Braun
	Carol Miritz
3/25	Eleanor Holman-Olson
3/27	Shelli Dekker
3/29	Evelyn Averbeck

80+ birthdays!

Audrey Fink

Eleanor Holman-Olson

Evelyn Averbeck

Bill Olson



Anniversaries

March 26: Bill and Mona Averbeck

ARK submission deadline is the
15th of each month at noon. Please get your content
to the office by this date for the next month's issue.

THANK YOU!



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