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February 2020



February is the month we transition on the church calendar from Epiphany to Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season.

not be having midweek Lent services, so please consider participating as your Lenten discipline this year.

Pastor Denise

From Pastor's Desk:

Ash Wednesday this year is February 26. This day marks the beginning our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Our foreheads are marked with ashes, and we acknowledge that we will die and return to the earth. At the same time, the ash on our forehead traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at our baptism. Lent is a time of reflection and repentance, of sacrifice and self-examination. But Lent is also a season of hope - hope in the work God is doing in the world.

We will be starting off the Lenten season with a pancake breakfast after worship on Sunday, February 23. While pancakes are "traditionally" eaten on Shrove Tuesday, we are going to break with tradition and eat them on Sunday. This tradition of eating pancakes started when people wanted to use up all the rich food they were giving up for Lent like butter, sugar and eggs. While we may not be giving up those things for Lent, it's a good excuse to get together for a meal before Lent begins!

Every Sunday during Lent, during the sermon I will be concentrating on different themes as it pertains to the Gospel of the day and hope. These themes include Safety and Stability, Livelihoods, Justice for All, Leadership, and Renewal of the Earth. After worship, we will be gathering in the community room for refreshments and a short discussion. We will

UPCOMING CRLC EVENTS:

Community Meal -- February 16 at 12:30 pm

Pancake breakfast February 23 after worship

Ash Wednesday worship - February 26 at 7 pm



What's new with the food ministry this month?

Update on the January community meal:
We served around 32 meals plus eight take-out meals.

Thanks to everyone who helped one way or another!

The next meal is February 16

A list of the "jobs" to make this run smoothly will be posted in the Welcome Center the two prior Sundays to the meal. Each job will have a sign-up list. If you are interested in helping, then look at the jobs and pick the

community of other people who may be alone. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this important ministry.

Regarding the *Christ in our Home* devotionals, it is not in the budget for this year. If no one steps up to pay for it, it will be cancelled before the next edition comes out in March (for April, May and June). They are mailed to us quarterly and cost \$54.25 per quarter.

Thank you, Ian and Nate, for your work in trying to keep our LONG sidewalk cleared and safe for walking. Fortunately, so far this winter, we have not had a lot of snow and ice.

Because we have been told that the furnace in the newer building will need to be replaced, Lana, Vince and Adam will meet to get more information.

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Prayer Chain

If you have any prayer requests for the prayer chain, please call or email Kathy Tripp and she will send out a CRLC email requesting prayers.

****Please keep Karen Knisel in your prayers as she recovers from surgery at Provincial House.**

“Pray without ceasing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:17

PRAYER REQUESTS AND SPECIAL CONCERNS

A special request from Pastor Denise...If you have a prayer request or pastoral need or know someone who does, please write it down on a prayer request or send me an email at Pastor@crlc.comcastbiz.net . It is very difficult to sort through everything people tell me before, during or after worship on Sunday morning when my main focus is providing everyone with a meaningful worship experience. If I have forgotten something, please forgive me. Please help me by just writing it down for me. Thanks.

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2020 COUNCIL MEMEBERS

Please feel free to contact any council member if you have questions, ideas or concerns.

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- Vince Kaiser, Vice-President
- Ian Bell
- Nate Iverson
- Jon Sannes
- Lana Taylor
- Kathy Tripp, Secretary
- Pastor Denise

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