

PASTOR'S PAGE

ABOUT "PLACES OF THE PASSION"

In this worship series for Lent, we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, contemplating what happened at each place our Savior stood along the path of his Passion for our sake. From Jerusalem, Bethany, The mount of Olives, Gethsemane, The High Priest's Courtyard, and finally to Pilates Judgement Hall. Each step of the way will enlighten us upon our Savior's way to the cross, his death, his burial, and the empty Easter tomb.

Ash Wednesday: THE CITY OF JERUSALEM - February 17, 2021

In this service for Ash Wednesday, we go to Jerusalem, the place of the Passover, where Jesus gathers with the crowds and sacrifices himself for us. The meaning, history and spiritual inspiration associated with this location are highlighted. We will learn things we may not have known before as we grow to understand more deeply the hard road our Lord took that the way to heaven might be open to us.

Midweek One: BETHANY - February 24, 2021

Join us for the Places of the Passion special service for Week 1 of Lent, as we follow in the footsteps of our Savior, contemplating the places where Jesus stood on his path to salvation. In this service we go to Bethany to remember that Jesus is anointed for burial by his friend Mary, at her home in this small town. We are called to prepare our hearts for Christ's death as well, while still looking toward the fragrant surprise of the empty tomb. Our hymn of the day will be "Bethany" written by our won Julie Schumann.

Midweek Two: THE MOUNT OF OLIVES - March 3, 2021

In this service for Week 2 of Lent, the place of the Passion is the Mount of Olives, where Jesus went with his disciples to pray. We are called to find places to pray this Lent and seek the will of the Lord in our lives. The meaning, history and spiritual inspiration associated with the Mount of Olives help us to grow to understand more deeply the hard road our Lord took that the way to heaven might be open to us.

Midweek Three: GETHSEMANE - March 10, 2021

In this service for Week 3 of Lent, the place of the Passion is Gethsemane, where Jesus is betrayed and arrested in this garden under cover of darkness. We witness Jesus being taken away by soldiers, but we know that his journey toward the cross will take away our sins. We follow in the footsteps of our Savior, contemplating the places where Jesus stood on his path to salvation.

Midweek Four: THE COURTYARD - March 17, 2021

In this service for Week 4 of Lent, the place of the Passion is the Courtyard, outside of where Jesus is put on trial before the high priest and where Peter denies Jesus. We are called to confess that we often tend to distance ourselves from Christ, when we should be drawing closer to him. Each day with our current "cancel culture" it gets harder to say "I'm a follower of the Man from Galilee!"

Midweek Five: PILATE'S JUDGMENT HALL - March 24, 2021

In this service for Week 5 of Lent, the place of the Passion is Pilate's Judgment Hall, where Pilate is positioned here to set Jesus free, but turns him over to be crucified instead. We are called to remember that the judgment that should have been placed on us was placed on him that we might be free. The meaning, history and spiritual inspiration associated with Pilate's Judgment Hall help us to grow to understand more deeply the hard road our Lord took that the way to heaven might be open to us.

I encourage all of you to come along and walk with Jesus. Lent is a time of reflection that it should have been us crucified for our sins. However, by God's grace His Son stepped in to take our place. Through His life, death and resurrection Jesus became our redemption price. God the Father sees that all our sins are paid-in-full.

Finally, if you feel up to it, come and stop by and see our new kitchen and enjoy a nice warm bowl of soup during our Lenten Soup Suppers before each Lent service.

God be with you this coming Lenten Season,
Rev Robert Steele

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year!

To me, the best thing about January is that it follows the Christmas season where we reflect on the year, recharge, and renew ourselves in Christ. After the year we've been through we are all looking forward to returning to "normal" in 2021. We can always have hope because of what our Lord and Savior accomplished for us.

I'm thankful for this congregation. I'm not sure how our family would have gotten through last year without worship and congregation. Thanks to Pastor and the Elders for altering how we worship to keep the church open and keep our members safe. Thanks to Sharon Werner for her efforts cleaning the church so we could be comfortable attending worship services.

I'm also very thankful to Bob Wuerzberger for agreeing to be President last year to give me a little more time to learn. It's been a blessing to work with both Bob and Lee Gumm. Their leadership along with the Council members who give their time to Bethany have definitely made our congregation stronger.

The kitchen is nearing completion, and will be functional for decades to come thanks to the LRPC, kitchen sub-committee, and demo crew for their dedication. The new "Betty and Clyde Bawden Kitchen and Fellowship Hall" will get their first use for Lenten Soup Suppers starting on Ash Wednesday, February 17. There will be sign-up sheets in the back of church to plan for attendance. Kitchen workers will wear masks and gloves and tables will be arranged for social distancing. Free-will offerings will raise funds for various causes. Please consider volunteering (contact Gina Fibiger) to help set up, prepare soups, serve food, or clean-up. Many hands make light work!

Be Well, God Bless and to God be the Glory!

Todd Matte - Council President

JANUARY/FEBRUARY CHARITY OF THE MONTH – Orphan Grain Train

During the months of January and February, all money collected from your "Designated Offerings" contribution envelopes will go **Orphan Grain Train**. Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. For more information, visit their website at www.ogt.org

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2-03: Elsie Reinbacher
Cindy Fisher
2-05: Richard Johnson
Lois Schmideler
2-07: Peggy Keller
2-14: Thomas Yang
2-15: Andrew Kraus



2-16: Colin Mengel
2-17: Steve Perry
2-18: Caleb Cox
2-23: David Prange
Noah Fibiger
2-25: Joe Wychesit
2-26: Jeremy Barthels
2-28: Madison Fibiger

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2-1: Brant & Nicole Koci
2 - 8: James & Barbara Herzog
2 -15: Ken & Liz Buesing

If we missed a member's birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office and let us know

SOUP SUPPERS TO BEGIN ON ASH WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 17)

We invite you to enjoy some homemade soups and fellowship each Wednesday at 5:00pm in the newly remodeled kitchen prior to each Lenten worship service. This year, we will be taking extra efforts to make these dinners safe for our guests. There will be extra cleaning, spacing of tables to allow for distancing and kitchen help will be wearing masks and gloves. To help with distancing, we are asking that if you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheets in the back of church. This is very important to make sure we have enough tables set up and the proper amount of food. During the dinners, a freewill offering will be taken. Each week, the offering will help a different group or charity. If your group would like to "host" a soup supper to raise funds, please call or email the church office.



HELP NEEDED! If you are able to help at a soup supper, please see the sign up sheets in the back of church. You can choose to make a soup or a dessert, help with set up, clean up, or serving. Contact Gina in the church office with any questions.

† A LOSS IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Denis Schmideler was called to his heavenly home to be with his Lord and Savior on January 18, 2021. A funeral service was held for Denis at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sheboygan on Thursday, January 28 with Pastor Berg and Pastor Steele officiating.

MITE BOX

The large Mite Box is available on the counter by the sink in the upper narthex to collect your offerings towards South Wisconsin District Mission Grants. Personal checks (made out to Bethany Lutheran Mission Circle) or dollar bills can be put in an envelope and placed in the Mite Box or in the LWML mail box in the communication room. These boxes will be checked often and once a month the mites will be sent to our South Wisconsin District who still need our support. The box will remain out to be available any time for your Mites. Thank you for your support!

LOVE INC

****DONATIONS NEEDED****

Bedding & Linens Ministry Needs:

Full and Queen size blankets and comforters

Bedding items can be dropped off at Love INC, 807 Forest Ave., Sheboygan Falls

M-Th 8:30am-4:30pm

F 8:30am-12pm

Or you can drop off donations in the gray Love INC bucket at church

Furniture Ministry Needs:



Small kitchen tables that seat 3-4 people

Kitchen chairs

Call our office for drop off and pick-up schedule.
920-783-6701 x5101



February 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01 6:30pm Elders	02	03 3:15pm Confirmation 5-6 grade only	04	05	06 4pm Worship w/HC
07 8:45am Sunday School Bible Study 10am Worship w/HC	08 5:45pm Bd of Ed 6:15pm Finance 7pm Council	09	10 3:15pm Confirmation 5-8 grade	11	12	13 4pm Worship
14 8:45am Sunday School Bible Study 10am Worship	15	16	17 3:15pm Confirmation 5-8 grade 5pm Soup Supper 6pm Ash Wed w/HC	18	19	20 4pm Worship w/HC
21 8:45am Sunday School Bible Study 10am Worship w/HC	22	23	24 3:15pm Confirmation 5-8 grade 5pm Soup Supper 6pm Lent Worship	25	26	27 4pm Worship
28 8:45am Sunday School Bible Study 10am Worship						

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2021

Saturday, February 6

4:00 p.m.

w/Holy communion

Elder:	Lee Gumm
Ushers:	Lee Gumm, Steve Marotz
Acolyte:	Zane Willadsen
Altar Guild:	Sue & Dave Prange
Bulletin Folder:	Sue Prange

Sunday, February 7

10:00 a.m.

w/Holy Communion

Elder:	Jason Mengel
Ushers:	Fibigers
Acolyte:	Winston Hasler
Scripture Reader:	Steve Hazen
Door Locker:	Dan Menzer

Saturday, February 13

4:00 p.m.

Elder:	Shua Yang
Ushers:	Ottmans
Acolyte:	Aidan Brooks
Altar Guild:	Gina Fibiger & Sue Prange
Bulletin Folder:	Sue Prange

Sunday, February 14

10:00 a.m.

Elder:	Brian Faucher
Ushers:	Brian Faucher, Dan Fibiger
Acolyte:	Kaleb Faucher
Scripture Reader:	Todd Matte
Door Locker:	Ben Marotz

Wednesday, February 17

6:00 p.m.

w/Holy Communion

Elder:	Andy Fibiger
Ushers:	Mattes
Acolyte:	Madison Fibiger
Altar Guild:	Gina Fibiger, Rachel Johnson

Saturday, February 20

4:00 p.m.

w/Holy Communion

Elder:	Gerry Luebke
Ushers:	Ken Thompson, Karl Rademacher, Bob Kuehlman
Acolyte:	Zakary Willadsen
Altar Guild:	Shirley & Ray Ottman
Bulletin Folder:	Sue Prange

Sunday, February 21

10:00 a.m.

w/Holy Communion

Elder:	Lee Gumm
Ushers:	Hazens
Acolyte:	Ella Albert
Scripture Reader:	Mary Ann Fibiger
Door Locker:	Patrick Johnson

Wednesday, February 24
6:00 p.m.

Elder: Jason Mengel
Ushers: Pranges
Acolyte: Ryan Mengel

Saturday, February 27
4:00 p.m.

Elder: Shua Yang
Ushers: Jerry Sabrowsky, Derek MacKenzie
Acolyte: Zane Willadsen
Altar Guild: Barb & Karl Kaeppler
Bulletin Folder: Sue Prange

Sunday, February 28
10:00 a.m.

Elder: Brian Faucher
Ushers: Lee Gumm, Steve Marotz
Acolyte: Maggie Faucher
Scripture Reader: Lee Gumm
Door Locker: Ken Thompson
