

BREATHE EASIER

A new air purification system has been installed in the church, taking air quality to the next level, in an effort to combat airborne viruses.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to clean the Sanctuary. Involves vacuuming, dusting and tidying up. It is done on a rotating schedule. This is a great way to help the church while Social Distancing. Contact Kathey in the church office if you are willing to help.



It is time to renew the subscription to the "Lutheran Woman's Quarterly." If you would like to receive a copy, place \$6.00 in Doris Schmall's church box # 150 by Sunday, February 14th. Thanks

Lutheran Women in Mission - LWML

LWML eNews issue #317 is available to read online! In this issue: LWML Leadership Meetings, Mission Grants Selection Committee, LWML at "Making Disciples for Life" Conference, Mission Grant #21. Read the articles at <https://bit.ly/2XGkVww>

Offering Statements for 2020 are available. You may pick yours up in the Narthex. If you would like yours mailed, please notify the church office.

Hymnals are located on a table in the narthex and are available for use during worship services. Please return your hymnal to the cart following service. To help maintain cleanliness, hymnals will be rotated between services.

GIFT CARDS - We've got an app for that!

Purchasing gift cards is a great way to support our Youth. Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to earn on your daily purchases—like grabbing your morning coffee or buying groceries. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted. Visit the Youth Table today to purchase gift cards. Go to shopwithscript.com to see a list of all participating retailers.

The new RaiseRight™ mobile app makes purchasing cards even easier. Shop gift cards from more than 750 top brands—right from your phone. Whether you're at home or at the store. Earning is even more convenient — anytime you want, anywhere you want. Get started today with convenient on-the-go shopping. See Michelle McKay to get set up and help support our youth!



February 14 - Movie Day
March 7 - Airbenders Gym Day



Our Food Pantry serves a **LARGE** number of our fellow neighbors. Without your help we would not be able to serve them.

We are in need of the following:

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Soups, Cereal, Meal Helpers, Spaghetti & Sauce, Canned Meats, Mac & Cheese, Beans, Canned Fruits & Vegetables, Rice, Desserts

This is an ongoing community service!
Monetary donations welcome.

ALTAR FLOWERS

A sign up chart for Altar flowers is in the north hallway outside of the Great Room. Please put your name and phone number next to the date you would like to donate flowers. Only one family name per date. Sign ups are due no later than the Wednesday morning before the Sunday you sign up to give. This will insure the flowers can be ordered in a timely manner and get your information input on the display screen. If you have any questions, contact Beverly at 918-906-0388.

A Message From Pastor Neumann

The Villains of Lent

February 17th is Ash Wednesday which traditionally marks the beginning of the Lenten season. That particular practice of applying ashes will probably look a little different this year. To date no discussion has been made on a noon worship service, obviously that will have to be made soon.

Somewhat oddly I have usually looked forward to the season of Lent. Though it is somber and seemingly without joy, it epitomizes and brings to light the truth of Romans 5:8 ⁸ *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

The Lenten season highlights the depth and breadth of God's sacrificial love for us. The exception to the looking forward to Lent was a youngster, 7-9 roughly, attending Lenten worship service meant only getting to watch only the first few minutes of "Batman" before we had to leave for worship. The old "Batman" series featured a series of recurring "villains" such as the Penguin, the Riddler and so forth.

During our Lenten worship I want to focus on some of the "villains" of Lent. These individuals or groups played a role in the death of Jesus. Individuals such as Caiaphas and Pontius Pilate and groups such as the Sanhedrin. What led them to fill this ignominious role? Do we also share some of their motivations? All of this while anticipating how our heavenly Father uses this to share the nature of his love and celebrating the triumph of the resurrection.