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Sunday, February 14	9:30 AM 9:45 AM	Worship Service In-person Service Worship Service --Online
Wednesday, February 17	7:45 AM 12-1 PM 7:00 PM	The Wednesday Word-online Imposition of Ashes Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday, February 18	10:30 AM	Mid-week Bible Study-Zoom

Ushers

2-14 Mike Stankovich, Dick Schmidt, Tom Groce
2-17 (Ash Wednesday) Dick Schmidt (Com)
2-21 Gary & Barbara Gjerstad, Mike Byus
2-28 Ron & Sharon Johnson, Kaye Sims

FINANCIAL REPORT Week of February 7

Mail in/In-Person Service	\$9,180
Online Offering	\$4,220
Total:	\$13,400

A DAILY PRAYER

Whatever happens today, dear Lord, help us remember that you are present. If we find ourselves in the shadows of disappointment or rejection or pain, let us see your comforting light. If we're in the radiant light of success or acceptance or wholeness, may we acknowledge your providence and grace. Wherever we are, grant us the assurance of your nearness. Amen.

WHY WE LAMENT

In 2020, the coronavirus pandemic struck America during the middle of Lent, a season associated with deprivation. Some people made light of the shutdowns, joking, "I didn't mean to give up *this* much for Lent!" Others asked why the suffering was occurring in the first place.

Professor N.T. Wright, in an essay for *Time*, explains that asking "why?" but receiving no answer is key to biblical lamenting. Adding to the mystery, he says, is that God also laments — grieving at the wickedness of humans, despairing over Israel's unfaithfulness. Jesus cries at a friend's tomb; the Holy Spirit groans in anguish.

"Part of the Christian vocation," Wright concludes, is not being able to explain why but lamenting instead. "As the Spirit laments within us," he says, "so we become, even in our self-isolation, small shrines where the presence and healing love of God can dwell. And out of that there can emerge new possibilities ... **new hope.**"

Refocus for Lent

Give up complaining — focus on gratitude.
 Give up harsh judgments — think kind thoughts.
 Give up worry — trust God to provide.
 Give up discouragement — be full of hope.
 Give up bitterness — turn to forgiveness.
 Give up hatred — return good for evil.
 Give up anger — be more patient.

Give up pettiness — become mature.
 Give up jealousy — pray for trust.
 Give up gossiping — control your tongue.
 Give up sin — turn to virtue.
Give up giving up — persevere.

—Author unknown



"Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return"

Weekly Prayer Room

"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise." James 3:18 (ESV)
(If the situation of the people listed below has changed, contact the office)

Father in heaven, watch over those who put themselves in harm's way to protect us, grant peace of mind to the families who love and miss them.

Josh Jepsen
Seth Hearld
Evan Gregory Blodgett
Ken Solbrack
Michael Elliott
Chris Berentson
Brady Woodman (*Relma Burmeister's grandson*)
Devlin Durkin (*Curtis & Riley McKenzie*)
Richy (*Larry & Mary Vollmer's grandson*)
Paul Houck (*Jim & Mei Barker*)

Give strength and comfort to those who recently lost a loved one.

Relieve pain for all who suffer in any way. Comfort them and their caregivers. Grant loved one's strength to care for their loved ones. Remind us all to hope in You alone.

Bob Lungberg (Bob & Nancy Martin)

Tony Horne (Bob Martin, Hal & Carolyn Martin, Lonna & Tom Groce)

Baby Eli and his parents (Jim & Sue Gronhovd)

Lucas Bride (Heidi Sturdivant)

Suzy Davison (Al & Darlene Luberts)

Kristin & Children (Jim & Sue Gronhovd)

Pastor Dave Stephenson (Dave & Judy Ostendorf)

Gary Richey

Norma H (Lori Schmidt's sister)

Kara (Pastor Eric & Connie)

Nancy (Debbi Zavadiil neighbor)

Frank Lonergan (Dick & Lori Schmidt)

Mardelle (Cynthia Faul's sister's friend)

Harold Lawrence (Lorraine Stargel)

Corrina (Pastor Eric & Connie)

Phil Long (Pastor Eric & Connie)

Kyle (Ron & Sharon Johnson)

Dan (Harold & Clarice Liehmohn)

Milton Anderson (Dick & Kaye Sims)

Richard Park (Raeanne Mitchell)

Lorelle Aarstad (Tom & Denise Alvord)

West Family

Jeff, Jessica, Kevin & Aidon (Don & Carol Brennan)

Corrinna Clarahan

Erika

Stephen Mitchell Family

Richard Mitchell

Cheryl Faul (Cynthia Faul)

DeBord Family

Keith (Pastor Mike Byus)

Bill & Debbi Zavadiil

Lori-(Carole Williams-Wood)

Julian Estates staff and residents

Jared and Sherry(Harold & Clarice Liemohn)

Snookie Pankrantz

Cynthia Faul

Henry and Sister-in-law (Heidi Sturdivant)

Pastor Randy Olson (Bob & Nancy Martin)

Gina (Jan & Jerry Halverson)

Darlene Luberts

Barney Wagner

Father, Giver of all good things, thank You for the birth of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. May we always be grateful for Your gracious gift and remind us to not keep the Good News to ourselves.

For all these needs, we pray in the holy and powerful name of Jesus, our Lord Amen

Ushers Needed!! We have a shortage of ushers. It's not hard, just come a little early. Meet & Greet, pass out bulletins, count attendance and on communion days, guide. Please call Don Brennan at (253) 875-6994 or email him at brennandp@comcast.net.



Extra Encouragement

No one needs to tell you that these have been difficult and discouraging days. Here are some ways to help:

1. Notes of encouragement to those you haven't seen for a while.
2. Phone calls to our homebound members.
3. Put together "Blessing Baskets" and leave it on their porch, ring their doorbell. Wave hello!
4. Care packages for front line workers.
5. Friendship cards for all month long. Use index cards, on each write something nice you can do for other people. i.e., "Give someone a hug." "Read to someone", "Take someone to an appointment", "Have coffee with someone" and so on.

If you have more ideas, please send them in.

