



## COVENANT TIDINGS

I am writing this message the week of Valentine's Day so I thought I'd share some of the history of Saint Valentine. A physician and priest in Rome during the rule of Emperor Claudius II in the third century, Valentine lived in a time when Christians were harshly persecuted because of their religion. Arrested by Roman authorities, he received a death sentence.

Tradition suggests that while Valentine was waiting in prison for his day of execution, he developed a friendship with the young daughter of his jailor. He told the girl about Jesus and shared his hope of heaven. On the day of his execution, he left her a note cut into a special shape. Written inside was a message of affection and encouragement. He signed the letter "your Valentine," beginning a tradition that has changed and grown over the centuries.

Love for Christ and love in Christ shaped the actions of Valentine. For eighteen hundred years, Valentine's faithful witness has inspired Christian people to faith-filled words and loving deeds.

Now in this season of Lent, we remember the ultimate example of love in the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. It was love, love for you and me and for all people, that led Jesus to the cross. It was his sacrifice that brings us forgiveness and new life.

The hymn says it so well:

"What wondrous love is this, That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing His love for me,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on." (LSB 543:1,4)

Of course we don't have to wait for Valentine's Day, or the season of Lent, to show love and care for others. As we remember just how much God loves us, may we respond with acts of love and service to God and others every day!

In Christ,

*Pastor Steve Voigt*

# PARISH LIFE



## SPECIAL GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Air Conditioning Fund .....	\$100
Bethesda.....	\$60
Birthday Fund .....	\$5
Helping Hands Food Pantry.....	\$100
Initial Offering.....	\$210
Lutheran Hour Ministry .....	\$35
Portals of Prayer .....	\$22



## ALTAR GUILD

Nancy Keck (L)  
Colleen Gottsacker  
Judy Weiss  
Susan Wendt



## USHERS

### 9:00

Eloise Humphrey  
Phil Murphy  
Traci Murphy  
Henry Weiss  
Jim Wrangell

### 10:30

Jerry Anson  
Len Ernst  
Joel Johnson  
Brian Maletzke  
Jim Richter

## **2020 Statistical Report**

Baptized Members:285	Confirmed Members: 252
Infant Baptisms: 2	Juniors Confirmed: 5
Adult Baptisms: 0	Adults Confirmed: 1
Funerals: 10	Weddings: 1
Average Weekly Attendance: 91	

## **CHURCH WORKER GRANTS**

The Foundation provides grants for college students pursuing church work careers – pastor, teacher, DCE, etc. If you would like to request a grant from the Foundation for the 2021-2022 school year, please submit your request in a letter to the Foundation. Please include the college or university you are attending and the program that you are enrolled in. Letters must be submitted by May 2.

## **Finance Update**

Thank you for your faithful contributions to Covenant. During the pandemic, many of our members have been mailing in their offerings and keeping current with their giving. This is very much appreciated! Recent snow and cold weather has kept attendance low, so please continue to remember your church offerings.

## **Air Conditioning Fund**

Thank you to all who contributed to the AC Fund. We have received \$18,660 to date which is enough money to pay our LCEF loan in full. Praise God!

Any funds received over and above the AC Fund Goal will be used for Capitol Improvements or Snow Removal. Thanks for being good stewards of God's blessings!

## **Communion Ware**

Many of you know that Erna Roenspies was the leader of Covenant's Altar Guild for many years. Erna's family has given a memorial gift that was used to purchase new communion ware for Covenant. This is a very generous gift and quite a fitting tribute in memory of Erna. Thank you to the Roenspies family! The new communion ware was used for the first time on February 7.

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

## **CHURCH INFO & STAFF**

**CHURCH OFFICE PHONE:** 414-464-2410

**WEB SITE:** covenantlutheranmke.com

**E-MAIL:** covenantlutheran@sbcglobal.net

**FACEBOOK:** Covenant Lutheran Church

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Mon. - Thurs.; 8:30am - 2:30pm

**PASTOR:** Steven Voigt

pastorvoigt@sbcglobal.net

**DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH:** Karen Winefeld

**CHURCH SECRETARY:** Alyssa Gottsacker

### **FACILITY MANAGERS:**

Steve Dasher & Jim Richter

**ORGANIST:** Bill Laesch

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD INFO**

**EARLY CHILDHOOD PHONE:** 414-438-9712

**E-MAIL:** covenantkids1@sbcglobal.net

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD HOURS:**

Mon. - Fri.; 6am - 6pm

**DIRECTOR:** Marcia Rosynek

## **WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sunday - 9am & 10:30am

Wednesdays - 6:00pm

(and 11:00 am during Lent)

Family Education Hour:

Sunday - 9:00am (September - May)

Communion Service:

1st & 3rd Sunday - 9am

2nd & 4th Sunday - 10:30am

last Wednesday - 6:30pm

## **WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Worship

At

11:00 a.m.

&

6:00 p.m.

# Birthdays

### **March 4**

Evelyn Wagner

### **March 5**

Pamela Buck

Mark Wulz

### **March 8**

Brian Pratt

### **March 9**

Dan Gottsacker

Danny Peterson

Sandra Randazzo

### **March 10**

Megan Dills

Bill Laesch

### **March 16**

Jonathan Buck

### **March 18**

Darlene Tabbert

### **March 20**

Craig Wangard

### **March 21**

Lauren Krueger

Juliet Kruse

Darlene Peters

### **March 22**

Laurie Lee

### **March 23**

Meta Harrington

### **March 24**

Georgia Cucinello

### **March 25**

Daniel Frank

Allen Johnson

### **March 27**

Jim Newton

Jim Wrangell

### **March 28**

Destiny Newton

### **March 29**

Nancy Klett

### **March 30**

Finleigh Gottsacker

### **March 31**

Carla Martynski



# Anniversaries

### **March 17**

Jeff and Laura Vogt

### **March 19**

Mark & Janice Wulz

### **March 26**

Craig and Dawn Wangard

### **March 29**

Robert and Jacqueline Zeman

*If your birthday or anniversary was omitted, please  
call the Church Office (414-464-2410)*

# MARCH 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 1:30pm Prayer Team	<b>2</b> 4:00pm Confirmation 6:30pm Healthy Heart	<b>3</b> 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Worship	<b>4</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>5</b> 8:00pm AA Meeting	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 8:00am Bible Study 9:00am Worship/Com 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am 5th-7th Conf. 9:00am Bible Study 10:30am Worship  <b>3rd Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>8</b> 1:30pm Prayer Team	<b>9</b> 4:00pm Confirmation 6:30pm Healthy Heart	<b>10</b> 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Worship	<b>11</b> 10:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Mission & Ministry Mtg.	<b>12</b> 8:00pm AA Meeting	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 8:00am Bible Study 9:00am Worship 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am 5th-7th Conf. 9:00am Bible Study 10:30am Worship/Com <b>4th Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>15</b> 1:30pm Prayer Team  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>16</b> 4:00pm Confirmation 6:30pm Healthy Heart	<b>17</b> 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Worship 7:00pm AA Monthly Mtg	<b>18</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>19</b> 8:00pm AA Meeting	<b>20</b>
<b>Daylight Savings</b>						
<b>21</b> 8:00am Bible Study 9:00am Worship/Com 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am 5th-7th Conf. 9:00am Bible Study 10:30am Worship  <b>5th Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>22</b> 1:30pm Prayer Team	<b>23</b> 4:00pm Confirmation 6:30pm Healthy Heart	<b>24</b> 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Worship	<b>25</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>26</b> 8:00pm AA Meeting	<b>27</b> 10:30—11:30am Drive Thru Easter Egg Hunt
<b>28</b> 8:00am Bible Study 9:00am Worship 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am 5th-7th Conf. 9:00am Bible Study 10:30am Worship/Com  <b>Sunday of the Passion</b>	<b>29</b> 1:30pm Prayer Team	<b>30</b> 6:30pm Healthy Heart	<b>31</b>			
<b>Northwest Lutheran School's Spring Break — March 29 - April 2</b>						
<b>MARCH 2021</b>						<b>4</b>



# UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



## Easter Flower Orders

Orders are due by  
Sunday, March 14.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory/honor of \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Flower</u>	<u>Price</u>		<u>Quantity</u>		<u>Total</u>
Easter Lilies	\$12.00	X	_____	=	_____
Daffodils	\$12.00	X	_____	=	_____
Tulips	\$12.00	X	_____	=	_____
Hyacinths	\$12.00	X	_____	=	_____
Azaleas	\$22.00	X	_____	=	_____
Grand Total				=	_____

## Holy Week Worship Schedule

**Maundy Thursday, April 1**  
At 6:30 p.m.

**Good Friday, April 2**  
At 1:00 & 6:30 p.m.

**Easter Sunday, April 4**  
Sunrise at 7:00 a.m.  
Traditional at 9:00 a.m.  
Praise at 10:30 a.m.



**Drive Thru Easter Egg Hunt**  
Saturday, March 27  
10:30—11:30 a.m.

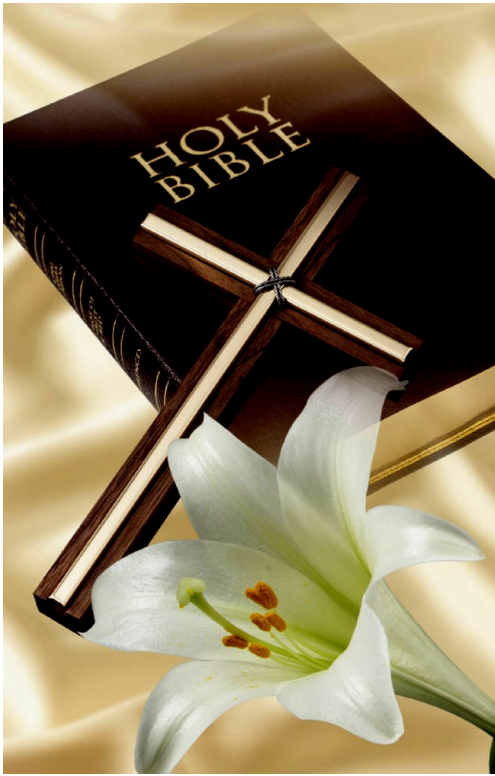
**Save The  
Date!!**

### THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE!

- **Pray** for the planning, implementing, GOOD WEATHER, and follow-through of this event.
- **Donate** wrapped Easter candy.
- **Support** financially.
- **Personally invite** a non-member family to attend! (neighbor, coworker, child's classmate, etc....)

Thank you so much for your willingness to help!





## MARCH

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Isaiah 64:1-9<br>Numbers 16-18 | 13. Psalm 96<br>Deuteronomy 16-18  | 25. Psalm 108<br>Luke 12-13  |
| 2. Psalm 85<br>Numbers 19-21      | 14. Psalm 97<br>Deuteronomy 19-21  | 26. Psalm 109<br>Luke 14-15  |
| 3. Psalm 86<br>Numbers 22-24      | 15. Psalm 98<br>Deuteronomy 22-24  | 27. Psalm 110<br>Luke 16-17  |
| 4. Psalm 87<br>Numbers 25-27      | 16. Psalm 99<br>Deuteronomy 25-27  | 28. Psalm 111<br>Luke 18-19  |
| 5. Psalm 88<br>Numbers 28-30      | 17. Psalm 100<br>Deuteronomy 28-30 | 29. Psalm 112<br>Luke 20-21  |
| 6. Psalm 89<br>Numbers 31-33      | 18. Psalm 101<br>Deuteronomy 31-33 | 30. Psalm 113<br>Luke 22     |
| 7. Psalm 90<br>Numbers 34-36      | 19. Psalm 102<br>Luke 1            | 31. Isaiah 64:1-9<br>Luke 24 |
| 8. Psalm 91<br>Deuteronomy 1-3    | 20. Psalm 103<br>Luke 2-3          |                              |
| 9. Psalm 92<br>Deuteronomy 4-6    | 21. Psalm 104<br>Luke 4-5          |                              |
| 10. Psalm 93<br>Deuteronomy 7-9   | 22. Psalm 105<br>Luke 6-7          |                              |
| 11. Psalm 94<br>Deuteronomy 10-12 | 23. Psalm 106<br>Luke 8-9          |                              |
| 12. Psalm 95<br>Deuteronomy 13-15 | 24. Psalm 107<br>Luke 10-11        |                              |

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