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The Cornerstone

*"For out of the ground you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."
Genesis 3:19*

I once visited a woman who was very sick. Her medical treatments were unsuccessful and too painful to endure. She had decided to end treatment, and to die a natural death. I stupidly asked her, "That must have been a hard decision?!" She looked at me, surprised, and said, "I have trusted in the Lord every step of the way. Why would it be different now?"

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. At this service, ashes are smudged upon our foreheads in the shape of a cross. And God's humbling words from Genesis are spoken to each of us—"Remember you are dust, to dust you shall return."

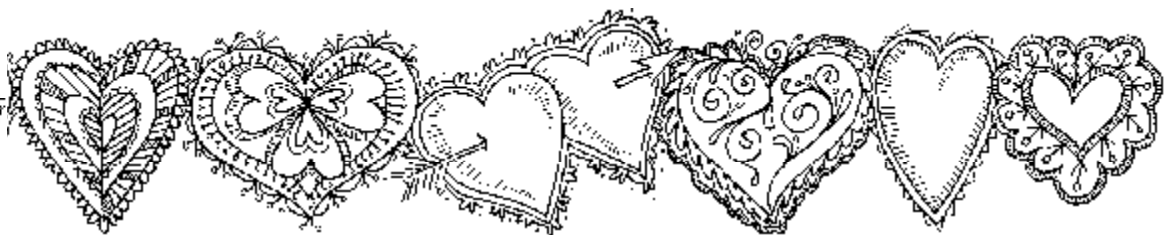
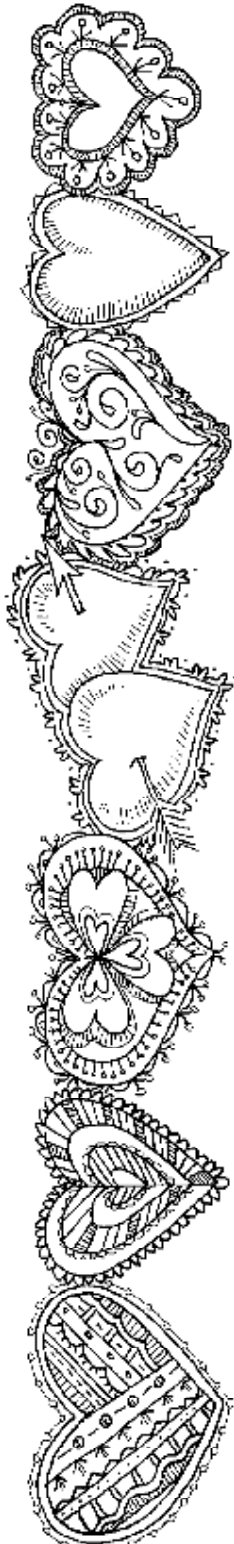
Lent is 40 days of fasting, prayer, repentance, and works of love leading up to Easter. The point is not to get down on ourselves, but to recognize that everything we worry about returns to dust, including ourselves. Only God remains. Remembering we are dust, we can live like the woman who said, "I have trusted in the Lord every step of the way. Why should it be different now?"

At the end of Lent, those ashes are washed away, and a cross of olive oil and water are marked on our foreheads. We who die with Christ every day in baptism are made alive with Christ forever. *"For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a Resurrection like His."* (Romans 6:5)

This Lent, give up a meal every Wednesday or Friday, and don't tell anyone. This Lent, turn around from what does not please God or build you or others up in love. This Lent, get serious about your worship and prayer life, starting with **Wednesday Lenten Evenings-- Supper, Evening Prayer, and the Lutheran Course**. This Lent, find a work of love to take up or donate to. This Lent, remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return. But God does great and unexpected miracles with crosses, new tombs, and especially with dust.

With Prayers for a Holy Lent,

Pastor Ryan +



DATES AND INFO TO REMEMBER...



Join us **Thursday morning, February 7 & 21 at 10:00am** for "**Anna and Simeon Prayer Group**" for prayer, Bible study, fellowship and service. Invite your friends. **Mary Lane** and **Ev Stone** are the facilitators. Food will be provided!

"Fat" Tuesday Family Night,
Tuesday, February 5, 6:30pm

Ash Wednesday Service,
Wednesday, February 6th,
7:00pm

In Lent beginning February 13

Soup and Sandwich Supper
Wednesdays at 6:15pm

Lenten Prayer Service
Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Adult Education—
The Lutheran Course—
7:30pm

Financial Peace University,
Thursdays at
7:00pm

Daughters of the King Meeting
Saturday, February 9,
10:00am
at St. Joseph's

Sunday School
9:00am
Adult Study
9:10am
Come join us!



Happy Birthday to...

Dustin Hibner	February 3
Thad Fisher	February 12
Jean Rabbers	February 25
Ambyr Fisher	February 26

Happy Anniversary to...

Gigi & Jimmy Welch
February 5

Check out our website
churchonthecorner.info

Please read this important information

There will be an **outdoor workday** on **Palm Saturday, March 15th** (the Saturday before Palm Sunday). We will start around **8:00am** and work until noon to spruce up the outdoor grounds for Easter. Everyone is invited to come and help, stay as long as you are able.

We are looking for **volunteers** to assist with **counting the offering** on Sunday mornings. This involves counting and preparing and making the deposit. Training will be provided with experienced counters. Ideally we would like 6-8 volunteers to allow a rotation system so each person assists 1-2 times each month. If you are interested please contact **David Dolezal** or **Jeff Adix**.

NTNL SYNOD NEWS ~ February 2008



Bishop Kevin Kanouse coined the word "*DiscipleLife*" to describe the heart of the NT-NL Synod. He reminded us that the very life and heartbeat of the synod is in its faithful dedication to being the disciples that Jesus has called us to be. Not more. Not less. To live out our days as disciples is our true duty and delight.

The word has come to describe what the synod wants to both "be" and "do." That was clearly illustrated at last year's Synod Assembly in Irving. The assembly theme was "Called to *DiscipleLife*" and used call-stories from scripture to talk about the Christian's identity ("being") as a disciple. But the assembly went on to also adopt a strategy for action ("doing") that will help the NT-NL Synod live out its discipleship. The strategy has over twenty priorities for action grouped into six goals. It is a comprehensive plan for helping the congregations, members, and rostered leaders of the synod discover and embody their *DiscipleLife*.

In the eight months that followed the assembly leaders have gathered to work on plans to fulfill the strategy. Work is taking place on (1) plans to grow the number and the strength of congregations by increasing the number of mission starts and helping existing congregations identify their own mission. There are also plans (2) to support and expand the ministry among youth and families in the congregations of the synod and (3) to support the cause of peace and justice by improving our understanding and our efforts in advocacy for those in need. There is work underway (4) to enhance our appreciation for our own Lutheran identity and (5) to become better stewards of our time and treasure. Finally, there is a group working on ways (6) to support our partners in ministry.

We give thanks for the ministry that binds us together in *DiscipleLife*. For more information go to www.NTNL.org/gmcmenu.asp.

COMING EVENTS!!

New Adult Education! “The Lutheran Course”

7 Wednesdays at 7:30, beginning February 13th

**Want to get deeper into God’s Word?
Want to find out more about the Lutheran Christian faith?
This class is NEW, and includes DVD presenters —come and see!**

- Week 1 How to tell the difference between Theology of the Cross and Theology of Glory.**
- Week 2 How to tell if your will is in bondage to sin (it is) and what to do about it.**
- Week 3 How to receive God’s grace daily.**
- Week 4 How to tell the difference between a Sinner and a Saint.**
- Week 5 How to identify and serve your Neighbor.**
- Week 6 How to tell the difference between the kingdom of the Left, and Kingdom on the Right.**
- Week 7 How to tell the difference between “vocation” and “vacation.”**

**Fat Tuesday Family Night!
February 5, 6:30pm
Come celebrate the last day before Lent!
Pancake supper, music, BINGO, fun.**

**Ash Wednesday
The beginning of Lent
February 6, 7:00pm
“Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”**

**Lenten Suppers and Services begin Wednesday, February 13th
Soup and Sandwiches at 6:15pm (Please sign up to provide).
Evening Prayer at 7:00pm,
“Shadows of the Cross”, meditations by confirmation Students
Adult Education at 7:30pm, The Lutheran Course.**

**Picturing the Bible: Early Christian Art
On Sunday, March 2, after worship our confirmation class will visit the
Kimball Art Museum for their exhibit on early Christian art.
Adults welcome!**

MOSAIC HEART AND SOUL GALA

Friday, February 29

Hyatt Regency N. Dallas

On Friday, February 29th, Mosaic's Dallas agency will hold its 11th annual Heart and Soul Gala.... an exceptional evening put on to the benefit some exceptional people....

The Gala will be held at the **Hyatt Regency N. Dallas** (formerly the Richardson Hotel). Once again the award winning broadcast journalist Jody Dean is the Master of Ceremonies.

As you may know, the Gala is a time for Mosaic to recognize community members who have placed their "hearts and souls" into making a significant difference in the lives of people who have disabilities. Each year Mosaic selects 5 community members or groups to receive a Heart and Soul Award. **Rev. Mel and Hattie Hammer are the Honorary Chaircouple. The congregation of St. Paul Lutheran, Farmers Branch will receive the Congregational Partner Award and Mrs. Barbara Johnson, member at King of Glory Lutheran, Dallas (former member of Central Lutheran, Dallas and Our Savior, Mesquite) will receive the Community Advocate award.**

The Gala features a fabulous dinner, as well as entertainment and silent and live auctions. We invite you to share in our celebration by sponsoring a table for your congregation and friends, donating auction items or making a gift in honor of our NTNL honorees. Proceeds raised will change lives, assisting with the daily needs of the children and adults Mosaic supports. Together, we will open doors to extraordinary lives for the people Mosaic serves. We hope you will attend.

To purchase tickets, make a donation or for any questions, please contact beth.sabella@mosaicinfo.org or 972.866.9989 x321. You may also register online at www.mosaicinfo.org/dallas.

Please share this information through your upcoming newsletters and bulletins. Thank you.

Hope to see you at the Biggest Lutheran Party in Dallas.

Blessings to you and your congregation-

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Opening Doors to Extraordinary Lives

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <i>February</i>					1 Men's Retreat Briarwood	2 Men's Retreat Briarwood Indoor Workday 8:30am-12:00 Summit Liturgical Baptist Church 6pm
3 Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday School 9:00am Worship with Holy Communion 10:15 am Blessing of the New Cross	4 Office closed Boy Scouts 7:00pm	5 Office Hours 9:30am-2:30pm Fat Tuesday Family Night Pancake Supper 6:30pm Summit Liturgical Baptist Bible Study in Sanctuary	6 Office Hours 9:30am-2:30pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm Bible Study following 8:00pm	7 Office Hours 9:30am-2:30pm Anna & Simeon Prayer Group 10:00am Financial Peace University Class 7:00pm OA 7:00pm	8 Office closed Youth Happening Farmer's Branch	9 Daughters of the King Meeting 10:00am at St. Joseph's Youth Happening Farmer's Branch Summit Liturgical Baptist Church 6pm
10 First Sunday in Lent Sunday School 9:00am Worship with Holy Communion 10:15 am Council Meeting following worship	11 Office closed Boy Scouts 7:00pm	12 Office Hours 9:30am-2:30pm Summit Liturgical Baptist Bible Study in Sanctuary	13 Office Hours 9:30am-2:30pm Lenten Soup and Sandwich Supper 6:15pm Lenten Evening Prayer Service 7:00pm The Lutheran Course 7:30pm	14 Office Hours 9:30am-2:30pm  OA 7:00pm Financial Peace University Class 7:00pm	15 Office closed	16 Summit Liturgical Baptist Church 6pm
17 Second Sunday in Lent Sunday School 9:00am Worship with Holy Communion 10:15am Confirmation 1:30-3:30pm	18 Office closed Boy Scouts 7:00pm	19 Office Hours 9:30am-2:30pm Summit Liturgical Baptist Bible Study in Sanctuary	20 Office Hours 9:30am-2:30pm Lenten Soup and Sandwich Supper 6:15pm Lenten Evening Prayer Service 7:00pm The Lutheran Course 7:30pm	21 Office Hours 9:30am-2:30pm Anna & Simeon Prayer Group 10:00am OA 7:00pm Financial Peace University Class 7:00pm	22 Office closed	23 Council Retreat meet at Church 8:45am Summit Liturgical Baptist Church 6pm
24 Third Sunday in Lent Sunday School 9:00am Worship with Holy Communion 10:15 am	25 Office closed Boy Scouts 7:00pm	26 Office Hours 9:30am-2:30pm Summit Liturgical Baptist Bible Study in Sanctuary	27 Office Hours 9:30am-2:30pm Lenten Soup and Sandwich Supper 6:15pm Lenten Evening Prayer Service 7:00pm The Lutheran Course 7:30pm	28 Office Hours 9:30am-2:30pm Financial Peace University Class 7:00pm OA 7:00pm	29 Office closed  LEAP YEAR Mosaic Heart and Soul Gala 7:00pm	

February

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Acolyte	Laci Lonergan	Jacob Adix	Taylor Kerr	Tyler Walker
Acolyte Assistant	Cecelia Largent	Ryan Adix	Tyler Kerr	Blake Maxwell
Altar Care	Cindy Dolezal	Kris Davies	Kris Davies	Cindy Dolezal
Assisting Minister	Brooks Maxwell	Ev Stone	Mel hammer	Cindi Walker
Lay Reader	Julie Lehmann	Kris Davies	Barb Kerr	Hayes Graham
Ushers & Greeters	Lehmans	Adix Family	Maxwells	Grahams



News Briefing

Congregational Newsletter Insert – Please forward to all interested persons

February 2008

Sowing and Growing Disciples of Jesus

The *DiscipleLife* Synod: The Northern Texas – Northern Louisiana Synod, ELCA

Formed for DiscipleLife



When the voting members and visitors gather for the 2008 Synod Assembly at the Maude Cobb Convention Center in Longview on April 25-27, they will be talking about **spiritual formation**. They will be reminded of the many ways people are readied for the life of discipleship: by parents, family, mentors, friends, pastors and teachers. Congregations engage in children's, confirmation, youth, young adult, campus, men's, women's and retreat ministries as means to forming people for their *DiscipleLife*. The assembly will look at ways to strengthen these vital congregational ministries in order to be effective at "growing disciples of Jesus". Keynote speakers for the assembly will bring the theme into sharp focus: Dr. Nate Frambach, Associate Professor for Youth, Culture & Mission, Wartburg Seminary, and Ms. Kristen Glass, Director for Young Adult Ministry, ELCA Vocation & Education Unit. The chairperson for the Assembly Planning Team is Pastor Phil Fenton (First, Longview). Visitors are always welcome at synod assemblies. Learn more about the assembly at www.NTNL.org/2008assembly (web site opening soon).

Young Adults Traveling to Sierra Leone

During the week of Palm Sunday to Easter, fourteen young adults from the NT-NL Synod will be in Sierra Leone visiting with young adults there, staying in their homes and visiting their schools and workplaces. It's all part of the "companion synod" relationship we have had for years with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sierra Leone. Money, prayers, supplies and good will have crisscrossed the Atlantic as we have supported one another in our mutual call to ministry. Consider supporting our young adults with some scholarship funds – send to NT-NL Synod, P.O. Box 560587, Dallas, TX, 75356.

DiscipleLife

Communications Audit Survey

What do you know about the mission and work of the NT-NL Synod? How connected do you feel to this work? And how do you keep abreast of what is happening? These are the questions addressed by the synod's Communications Audit conducted in January. The audit will help shape the way communications are handled in the future. You can still participate in the audit by completing a short online survey at www.ELCA.org/research (click on "NT-NL Questionnaire") beginning Jan. 22.

Public Hearing on the ELCA's Statement on Human Sexuality: Voting members and visitors at the 2008 Synod Assembly in Longview will review the new *Statement on Human Sexuality* in an Open Hearing – gatherings sponsored by the ELCA to solicit comments and suggestions. Any and all are welcome to join the assembly for this Hearing: Saturday, April 26, 4:40-6:00 p.m. at the Convention Center in Longview.

FYI...

February Emphasis: NT-NL's Focus on DiscipleLife

- ❖ **Sing in the Synod Assembly Choir:** rehearsals are scheduled for Feb. 7, Mar. 13, Apr. 17 and 24 at First, Longview. Other rehearsals are planned for the DFW area. Info contact Kevin Keele, choir director, keele@eskimo.com.
- ❖ **Man's Challenge: God's Mission** is the theme of the 2008 Lutheran Men's Gathering February 1-2 at Briarwood. The Rev. Dr. Terry Germann is the presenter. Info contact www.NTNL.org/resources/LMMBrochure.pdf.
- ❖ The NT-NL Synod made eleven seminarians very happy this year by sending each a **scholarship check** large enough to buy a round of textbooks. The students are all connected to the synod's Candidacy Committee which supports them during their years of study.
- ❖ The next **Spread the Spirit's Fire** event to help equip and energize leaders in congregations is set for Feb. 9 at First, Longview. The event is repeated on April 5 at Christ the Servant, Allen.
- ❖ Calvary Lutheran Church, Richland Hills, is offering a **Lenten Retreat** for Feb. 1-2 with Dr. Rudolph Heinze as the presenter. The theme is *The Reformation: Saints and Sinners*. Info contact: www.calvaryflw.org/LentenRetreat2008.htm.
- ❖ The **2008 Bishop's Convocation** this October includes presentations on *Health and Wellness*, encouraging the synod's rostered leaders to be attentive to their physical, spiritual and emotion health and to develop good habits of rest, renewal and refreshment for the work of ministry. The event takes place on a Carnival cruise ship! Info contact www.NTNL.org/resources/BpConvoBrochure2008.pdf
- ❖ **Rev. and Mrs. Mel Hammer** will serve as the Honorary Chaircouple for Mosaic's 11th *Annual Heart and Soul Gala* on Friday, February 29 at the Richardson Hotel. The event features entertainment, dinner and silent and live auctions. Info contact 972.866.9989.

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PRAYER & CARE FOR FEBRUARY



**Remember in your prayers
these members of the congregation:**

Catherine Harsha, CJ & Brian Dugan

& friends of the congregation:

Praying Together for Mission & Ministry

Congregations, Conferences, Commissions, Committees, and Agencies
Northern Texas - Northern Louisiana Synod

Please pray each week for these congregations and their ministries.

Aimee, Callie Mae Adix, the Pastor Tom Allan family, Ella Almer, The family of Florence Bengs, Ronnell & Linda Burdon, Robbi Carter, Bob Cherry, Coy Click, Brian Dugan and family, Trace Eaton, Udo Grenda, Granny Alice Hair, Robert Harrison, Isabel, the family of Ivon, the family of Luther Jones, Phyllis Henderson, Danae Kraws, the family of Ray Mastran, Robert Montalvo, Kim Moris, the Mays Family, the Morehouse family, Lenonna Nichols, An, Bill, Dave & Chris Peavey, Roland, Vanessa Roman, Brian Roesler, Barney Schack, Grace Shroka, Sylvia, Ralph Shumway, Minni Stone, Tony, Anna Trainer, Craig Wall, Andrew Zilmer and family

Pray especially for NTNL DiscipleLife Emphasis
Beginning the week of.....

- Feb. 3** Trinity, Fort Worth; Gloria Dei, Garland; Lutheran Men in Mission ; Summit Liturgical Church
- Feb. 10** Grace, Carrollton; Trinity, Clifton; St. John, Winters; Trailwood Methodist
- Feb. 17** St. Paul, Crawford; First United, Dallas; Northeast Dallas Conference; St. Joseph Episcopal
- Feb. 24** Oak Cliff, Dallas; Grace, Ennis; Finnish Church, Coppell; St. John Lutheran

*Prayer &
Thanksgiving*



I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:3-6



THE CO-OP REPORT

January 2008

The Food Pantry served 208 families in December (532 individuals); 9,402.5 pounds of food was distributed. Member organizations contributed 2,324.5 pounds of food; 848 pounds came from other organizations.

Their most-needed items are:

- Canned meat
- Regular size soup
- Jelly
- Powdered laundry soap
- Sugar
- Peanut butter

Dollar stores are a great source for these items. We are always reminded that the Co-Op can use money to purchase additional food from the North Texas Food Bank.

The Clothing Room made the following requests:

Men and Boys

- Mens' belts
- Winter coats (light and heavy)
- Blue jeans and work pants (sizes 31-36)
- Shirts—all sizes
- Underwear and socks
- Boys' pants (2T-18)
- Shoes, especially tennis shoes

Women and Girls

- Winter coats
- Dresses, skirts, pants and tops (all sizes)
- Little girls' clothing (2T-18 junior)
- Shoes, especially tennis shoes, and socks
- Underwear

Linens

- Comforters and bedspreads
- Sheets, blankets and pillow cases (queen and king size)

It is always my pleasure to bring our donations to the Co-Op. If anyone is interested in an ongoing volunteer opportunity, the Co-Op could be the place for you. The Clothing Room wants a volunteer on Wednesday or Friday, and the Crisis department needs someone for only two Mondays a month (you and a friend could each take one day).

Ann Weldon
Reporting



**Serving the Our Redeemer
Community!**

**Ministers: The People of
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**

Rev. Ryan Mills
Pastor

John Zacharias
Director of Music

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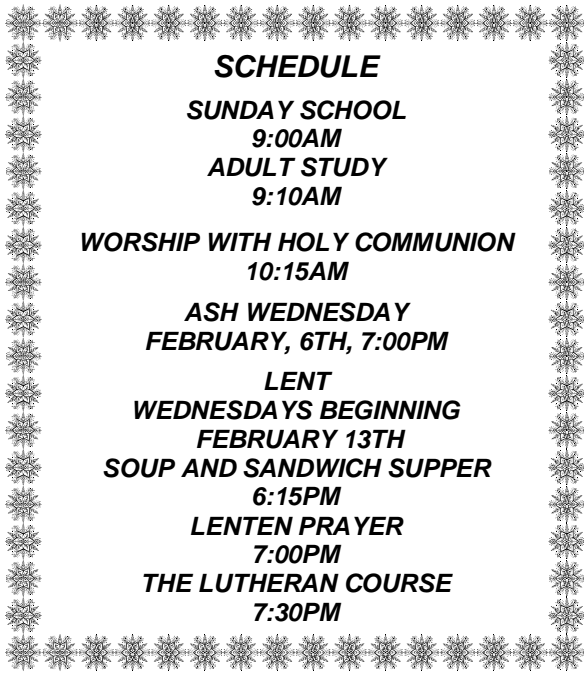
Todd Lehmann

Dorothy Graham

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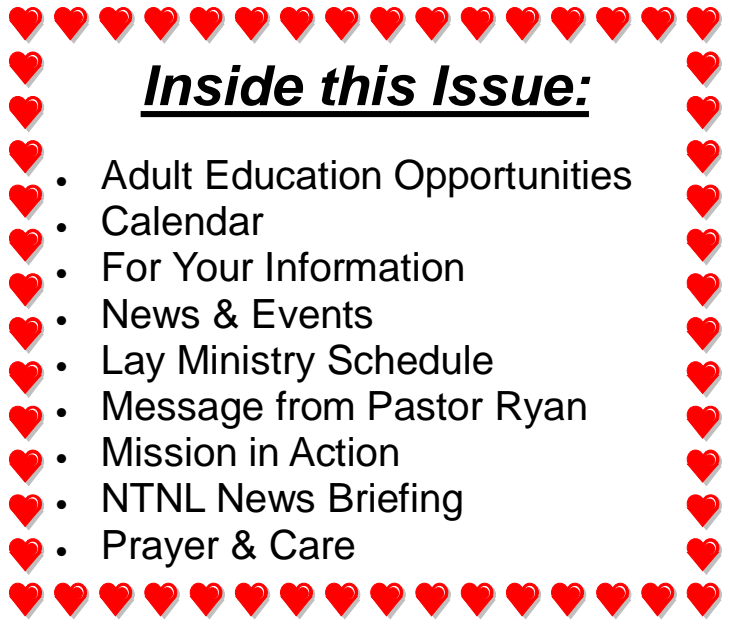
SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:00AM
ADULT STUDY
9:10AM

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
10:15AM

ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY, 6TH, 7:00PM

LENT
WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING
FEBRUARY 13TH
SOUP AND SANDWICH SUPPER
6:15PM

LENTEN PRAYER
7:00PM
THE LUTHERAN COURSE
7:30PM



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