

# First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 18, 2024
Peace Lutheran Church
ELCA

#### WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Whether you are joining us in-person or on-line we are blessed to have you worshipping with us today. We pray that our time of worship together further encourages and strengthens our call to discipleship.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we share God's grace and mercy. We welcome and encourage all to grow with us in God's kingdom through praise, worship, and service.

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE — "În Christ There is No East or West", Tune St. Peter by Alexander R. Reinagle, Lucy Ann Warriner, arr., © 1993 Lorenz Publishing Co. Organist — Brenda Peck

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

### Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

#### **GATHERING HYMN**

Oh Tender God, Have Mercy (3 times)

O tender God, have mercy, for you are for us.

O living Christ, have mercy, for you will heal us.

O tender God, have mercy, for you are for us,

For you are for us.

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#### **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

#### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

Gloria!

Gloria! Gloria! Highest glory to you! Gloria! Gloria! Highest glory to you!

Open now our lips and our mouths shall give praise.

Gloria! Gloria! Highest glory to you! Gloria! Gloria! Highest glory to you!

O Lord, rush to help to deliver Your world. Gloria! Gloria! Highest glory to you! Gloria! Gloria! Highest glory to you! Maker, Spirit, Friend, You are Great Mystery! Gloria! Gloria! Highest glory to you! Gloria! Gloria! Highest glory to you!

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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

### + WORD +

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup>God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10 Read Responsively

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph lover me.

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

 $^{5}$ Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,

for they are from everlasting.

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

#### **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

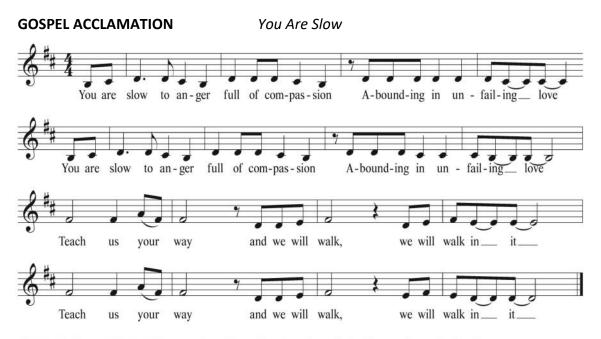
As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

<sup>18</sup>Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And

baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.



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GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

The holy gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

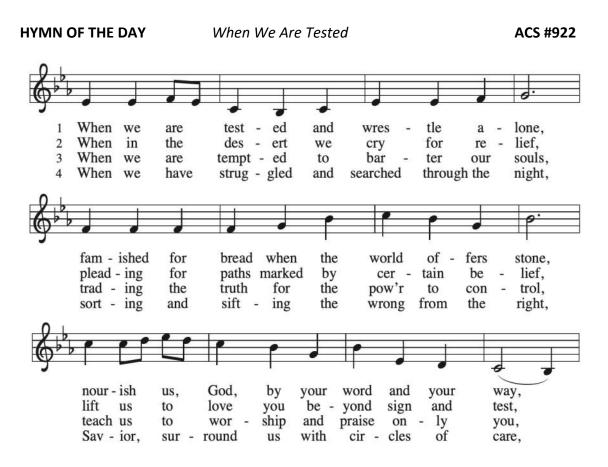
The gospel of the Lord.

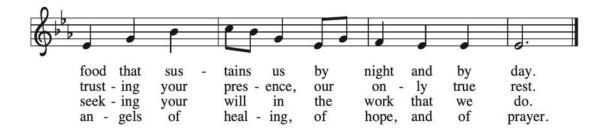
Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **SERMON**

#### **PASTOR MARY E. ZUPANSIC**

#### MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION





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#### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.\*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

#### THE SHARING OF PEACE

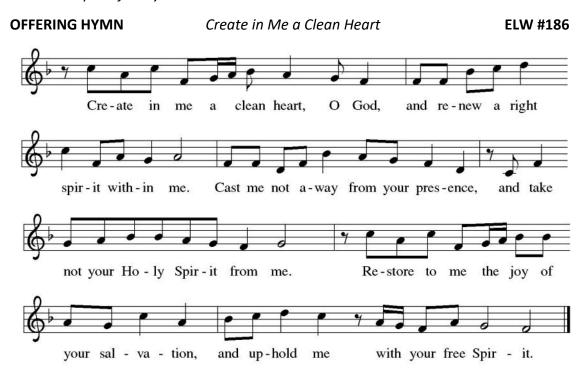
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** 

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#### + THE MEAL +

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Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name.

Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

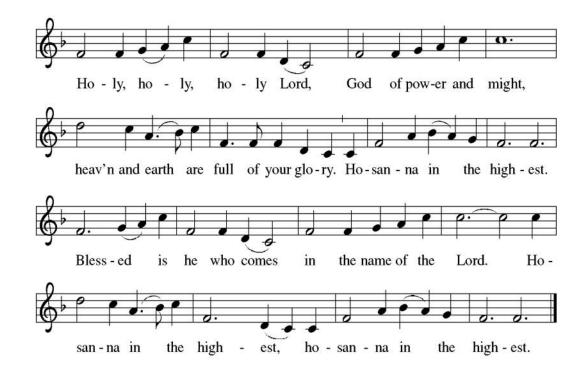
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,

our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,

his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food

and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:

wash away our sin,

that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church,

both now and forever.

Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

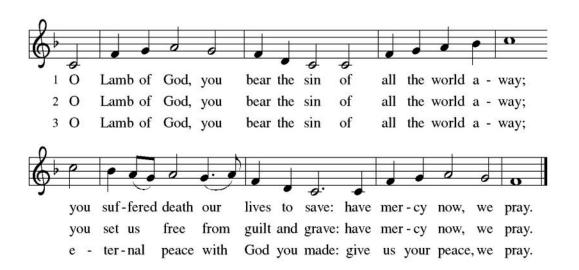
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Bread for the journey.
A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

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# COMMUNION SONG/HYMNS Forty Days Come, Let Us Eat

Video Song ELW #491

#### **TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

#### Amen.

#### BLESSING

Beloved,
we are God's own people,
holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you,
shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage,
and + give you peace.

Amen.

#### SENDING HYMN Bless Now, O God, the Journey **ELW #326** Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make, Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way; Di - vine e - ter - nal lov er, you meet us road. the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take. hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the vour day. We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon-ey flow, The trail is found in des ert and winds the moun-tain round, We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while bound; of ten we are but wait-ing not for plac - es, all a - round. you meet us road where faith is found. then leads be-side still ters, the wa road where faith is found. to geth-er we are seek ing the Our found. cov - e - nant is writ ten on roads, as faith is

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#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** — "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah", Tune CWM Rhondda by John Hughes, Lani Smith, arr., © 1970 Lorenz Publishing Co. Organist — Brenda Peck

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## **ABOUT THIS WEEK'S TEXT**

ON ASH WEDNESDAY THE CHURCH BEGAN ITS JOURNEY TOWARD BAPTISMAL IMMERSION IN THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST. THIS YEAR, THE SUNDAYS IN LENT LEAD US TO FOCUS ON FIVE COVENANTS GOD MAKES IN THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES AND TO USE THEM AS LENSES THROUGH WHICH TO VIEW BAPTISM. FIRST PETER CONNECTS THE WAY GOD SAVED NOAH'S FAMILY IN THE FLOOD WITH THE WAY GOD SAVES US THROUGH THE WATER OF BAPTISM. THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT IS MADE WITH US INDIVIDUALLY, BUT THE NEW LIFE WE ARE GIVEN IN BAPTISM IS FOR THE SAKE OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

# THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:

PETE ELLERTSEN, DEBI ELLERTSEN, PAULA TONELLATO, NORM KOEFOED, IVY KOEFOED, RON WEBER, GENE WALKER, BILL SPINDEL, NANCY KIEL, RAY STROH, PAT SHAFER, VALERIE SPURGEON, DIANE CHRISTELL

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, or know someone who would like to be added to our list, please fill out a Prayer Request Card, send an email to peace.lutheran@comcast.net OR call the Office at (217)546-7646. Please note—for privacy reasons, we must have an individual's permission to add their name.

### **ASSISTING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18:**

PRESIDING AND PREACHING: PASTOR MARY E. ZUPANSIC

**ASSISTING**: AMANDA KIM

USHERS: ELIZABETH MITCHELL, LIBBY LETTERLY CAMERA: MIKE HORN POWERPOINT:

MUSICIAN: BRENDA PECK

**REFRESHMENTS: VALERIE SPURGEON** 

FLOWERS: ANN BECKER — TO THE GLORY OF GOD

## **ZOOM MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18** IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM — 9:30AM

ASSISTING MINISTER AND ACOLYTE TRAINING—10:45AM

FAITH FORMATION — 10:45AM

SUNDAYS@6 — 6:00PM

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19** STAMP CLUB — 6:00PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING — 5:00PM

FULL COUNCIL MEETING — 6:00PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 LENTEN DINNER CHURCH — 5:30PM

CHOIR PRACTICE — 7:00PM

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25** IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM — 9:30AM

DWELLING IN THE WORD — 10:45AM

FAITH FORMATION — 10:45AM

SUNDAYS@6 — 6:00PM

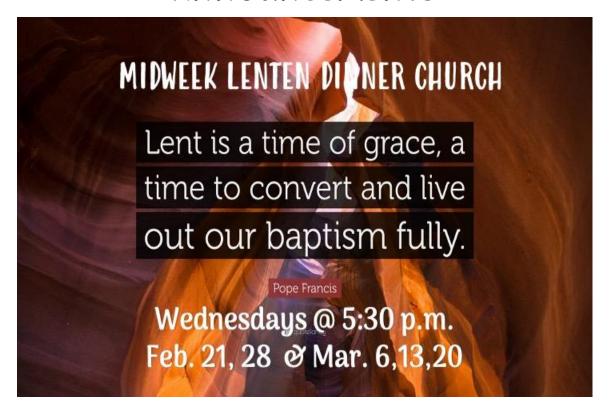
ASSISTING MINISTER & ACOLYTE TRAINING

AFTER WORSHIP Sunday, Feb 11 Sunday, Feb 18



All persons interested in continuing to serve as Assisting Minister and Acolytes are encouraged to attend one of the training sessions on either February 11th or 18th. Youth in middle school thru high school should plan to attend one of the sessions.

If you have never served as Assisting Minister and would like to be trained for this ministry, please speak with Pastor Mary.

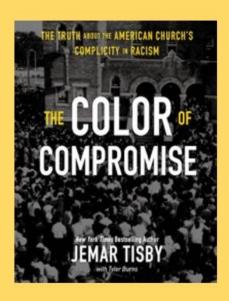


# GROWING IN BAPTISMAL GRACE

During the season of Lent all are invited to Dinner Church on Wednesday evenings. Dinner church is a type of worship that involves fellowship, a meal, scripture, discussion, and Holy Communion. Pope Francis has said, "Lent is a time of grace, a time to convert and live out our baptism fully." Each week we will consider a facet of Baptism. There will be opportunity to discuss the significance of this sacrament as well as a hands-on activity each week. Join us as we dive deeper into our baptisms and learn how we can live out our baptisms more fully!

Worship/Meal begins at 5:30p.m.

February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20



# Sundays@6 Adult Faith Formation

Begins February 4 6 to 7 p.m.

For details, contact Debi and Pete Ellertsen edmund.ellertsen85@gmail.com 217-793-2587



PRAYER IS SUCH A VITAL PART OF OUR WORSHIP. PLEASE CONTINUE TO TAKE A NAME FROM THE BOWL IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY AND BE PRAYING FOR THAT PERSON THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.

### Easter Food Baskets for Blackhawk School

It's time to begin collecting food items for Peace's annual gift of Easter food baskets to 20 families at Blackhawk Elementary School, in partnership with the Grace Lutheran Food Pantry. Each year at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, we provide families at Blackhawk with a large tote of non-perishable foods, a 10-pound ham, a gallon of milk, a dozen eggs, a loaf of bread, a sack of snacks, and a bag of personal hygiene items. Below are a suggested schedule for the items we will collect and the quantities we need. In addition to food, you can support this project with monetary donations earmarked for "Holiday Food Baskets." The baskets will be packed at Grace Food Pantry and delivered to Blackhawk on Wednesday, March 27.

February 18 - 20 boxes of Cereal

February 25 - 20 boxes of Cereal 20 Cans of Peaches

March 3 -- 20 packages of Spaghetti 20 cans of Pasta sauce

March 10 - 20 cans of beef ravioli 20 cans of pork and beans

March 17 - 20 jars of peanut butter 20 jars of jelly

March 24—20 boxes of mac and cheese



# **UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS**

# Martin Luther, renewer of the church, died 1546 Sunday, February 18, 2024

Though he began his adult church life as a simple Augustinian monk, Luther challenged the abuses he saw in the church, and his work eventually led to the Protestant Reformation. Luther's accomplishments included liturgical reform, translation of the Bible, and creation of the Small and Large Catechisms.

# Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr, died 156 Friday, February 23, 2024

Because he is said to have been known by John, the author of Revelation, as well as the important early church fathers Irenaeus and Ignatius, Polycarp serves as a vital link in church history. He was burned at the stake at age 86 for refusing to renounce his faith.



# **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Sponsors needed for 2024! Sign up in the Narthex, or call Yvonne in the church office to pick your date! \$35.00 217-546-7646 SEVERAL DATES STILL AVAILABLE

# REFRESHMENTS

SPONSORS NEEDED FOR REFRESHMENTS AFTER WORSHIP FOR 2024

If interested, please sign up in the Narthex or contact Linda Rice at 217-494-2658 or lrice10650@gmail.com





# What to Give Up...

Give up complaining ...

Give up pessimism ...

Give up worry

Give up bitterness

Give up hatred ...

Give up negativism ...

Give up anger

Give up pettiness

Give up gloom

Give up jealousy

Give up gossiping

Give up sin

Give up giving up

focus on Gratitude

become an Optimist

trust Divine Providence

turn to Forgiveness

return Good for evil

be Positive

be More Patient

become Mature

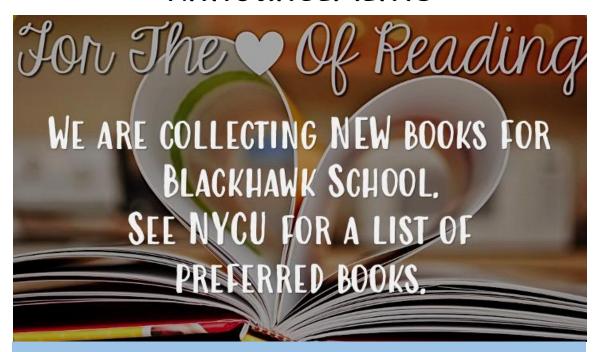
enjoy the Beauty all around you

pray for Trust

control your Tongue

turn to Virtue

Hang in there!



# **KLEENEX FOR KIDS**



Collecting throughout February and March for Blackhawk and the Early Learning Center SEE NYCU FOR MORE INFO

HELP US STOCK OUR MICRO PANTRY STORAGE SHELVES



- OATMEAL, CEREAL AND PANCAKE MIX
- PASTA SAUCE IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS
- PASTA
- PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS
- BROTH
- INSTANT POTATOES
- CRACKERS
- SOUPS
- TUNA IN A POUCH INSTEAD OF A CAN
- NOODLE SIDES
- STUFFING MIX
- CEREAL BARS, GRANOLA BARS, TRAIL MIX AND NUTS
- COFFEE
- PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS
- LAUNDRY DETERGENT

THANK YOU FOR BEING A NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBORS!



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If you would like a visit from Pastor Mary or you have a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor on her cell phone at 920.671.4338.