

# Presby-Notes

February 2018

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Dear Members and Friends,

This year, Lent is a most curious season. It begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th – Valentines' Day and extends through Holy Week on the last full week of March, concluding with Easter on April 1st! No Fooling!

Seriously, though, I have been thinking of the real love that Christ showed throughout His journey to Jerusalem. Why is our Lord so focused on His destination to the cross?

To help answer that question, I think of a metal sculptor on our music cabinet at home. It was created by a junior high student as a faith project for his confirmation class. It is a heart with the Christ figure hanging on a cross in the center. On the two sides are hands raising the cross-heart up to God in thanksgiving for the sacrifice that Christ made for us. I will have that sculptor present for our reflections during Lent.

So, the theme for Lent through Holy Week is: The Heart of the Cross. My prayer is that we let our hearts be filled by the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross, It will show us what the real power of God's love is for each of us

Another opportunity for us to think of the Heart of the Cross will be a pastor's class during the Sundays of Lent. The pastor's Lenten Class will begin at 9:15 AM, February 18th and conclude on Sunday, March 18th.

Additionally, the Mondays-in-Lent will be followed as in years past, beginning Monday, February 19th through Holy Monday, March 26th. A schedule of the Mondays-in-Lent will be posted with the church that will host and the guest pastor who will present a brief meditation.

This Lent can become a most powerful spiritual journey for any who are willing to embrace the heart of Christ at the Cross. It is God's heart for you and me that will lead to the victory of the Cross on Easter with Christ's Resurrection.

Yours in Christ's Love,

Pastor John J. Duling, Interim Pastor

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Attendance in December: 12/3 – 67; 12/10 -- ; 12/17 – 66; 12/24pm—66; 12/31 – 30;

The policy on calling off Sunday Worship Service was discussed if the weather is questionable look for an email, announcements will be made on KWBE and local TV stations.

Warren's Table was served to 28 on January 2. We serve again on March 6.

There will be a Parish Leaders meeting on February 18 following the worship service.

Lenten kids start February 21.

Pastor Duling will be teaching a Lenten class February 18 thru March 18 during the Sunday School hour.

Souper Bowl Sunday is February 4 and the JOYS will be collecting a collection following the church service, proceeds will go to the food pantry.

February 11 is Boy Scout Sunday and they will be serving a soup luncheon following the service.

Suzanne Byler, Clerk of Session



Shirley Mitschler, Carol Straub, Donna Knoche, Keith Knoche, Bob Hancock, Josh Johnson, Charlotte Carney, Phyllis Engelman, Mary Hancock, Diane Mayer, Marie Kerl, Dennis Prebyl, Henry Kerl, Cindy Ahlstrand, Mary Mullen, Dorothy Appletet, Willard Engelman, Dorothy Rockemann, Ruth Jensen (hospice), and William Cook III.

Also: Lori Eckert, Pat Morris, Steve Arneal, Jake Frana, Elizabeth Shotkoski-Jurgens, Timothy Briskey (Jane Beavers' brother), Richard Crom, Carol Koslofsky (Fran Martin's sister), Skylar Nicola, Mike Willet, Elmer Cook, Linnel Rials, Earl & Vera Lyons, Shannon Fanning (Ardyth Orwen's son-in-law) Judy Knispel, Cathy Carel, Stan Martin (Gene Martin's brother), Nancy Chalupa, Jon Lucas Warren, Hope Johns (Maxine Arneal's great granddaughter and Imogene Johnson (Connie Dake's sister).

### **Sermons for February**

4<sup>th</sup>: "Star Struck" Psalm 147:1-11,20c

11<sup>th</sup>: Transfiguration Sunday, "Elijah's Chair" 2 Kings 2:1-12, Mark 9:2-9

14<sup>th</sup>: Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 PM

18<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent – "The Heart of the Cross: To Hell and Back" 1 Peter 3: 18-22

25<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent – "The Heart of the Cross: Embrace It!" Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38



**DIRECTOR OF  
Children & Youth  
NEWS**

Watch for weekly notes from Karen.

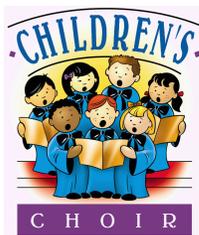
Souper Bowl Sunday Collection February 4.  
Donations will go towards Teen Challenge  
and Food Pantry.

Lenten Kids will meet from 6:15-7:30 p.m.  
on Wednesdays February 21, & 28; March 7,  
14, 21, and 28. Supper will be provided.

### Calling All Children!

Come join the children's choir - we'd love  
to have you! We meet every Sunday dur-  
ing the Sunday school hour and sing for  
church the first Sunday of ever month. All  
ages are welcome so please come lift your  
voice to God with us! Even if you cannot  
come every Sunday, you are always wel-  
come!

We will sing for service on February 4th  
and March 4th, so mark your calendars!



Westminster Guild



Westminster Guild will meet Monday, Feb-  
ruary 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the church parlor for  
the monthly potluck supper, business and  
fellowship. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Presbyterian Women met January 18th, 2018 in  
the church parlor.



Julie Hay and Ardyth Orwen served as hostesses.

Thank-you cards were received from the Community Pantry & Salva-  
tion Army for our \$150.00 donations.

A thank-you went out to the PEO Home ladies for hosting our Christ-  
mas Tea.

Easter falls on April 1st this year and the Lenten Luncheon was dis-  
cussed, more to follow when the dates are set.

Bette Anne Thaut led the Bible Study—"In Community with God's  
Messages". We will continue this study in our next meeting and eve-  
ryone is encouraged to bring an angel.

Our next meeting will be February 15th at 9:30 a.m. in the church  
parlor. All women and guests are welcome to join in.



The PW Book Club selection for March is  
*The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict.

### GREETERS & OFFERTORY COLLECTION

February 4:  
Neil & Linda McConnell

February 11:

February 14: Ash Wednesday

February 18 :  
Sam Rennick & Joyce Jeffries

February 25:  
Jason & Gail Sutter

# *News & Notes*

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Westminster Guild meets Monday February 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the church parlor.

The Boy Scout Soup Luncheon will be Sunday, February 11, following worship in Fellowship Hall.

Pastor John will take communion to shut-ins on Monday, February 12.

The Ash Wednesday Service will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14.

PW meets Thursday, February 15 at 9:30 a.m.

There will be a Parish Leader meeting following worship on Sunday, February 18.

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Mondays-in-Lent starts Monday, February 19, at St. John Lutheran Church.

New address for Damon and LaRaesha Kugel:  
PO Box 167—Bruning, NE 68322

LaRaesha Kugel	1	Dave Haner	16
Myles Weaver	1	Mary Newcomer	16
Dawson Kugel	5	Dorothy Ruhnke	18
Maximus Stansberry	6	W. W. Cook, Jr.	19
Linley McConnell	6	Lucas Cook	19
Alan Langvardt	7	Karle Harrison	20
Jason Sutter	8	J. R. Beavers	21
Dennis Prebyl	14	Betty Cook	22
Nicole Weaver	14	Alayna McGinty	22
Mary Warren	15	Amanda Fossler	26
Tom Evans	16	Fran Mulvaney	28



## Congratulations To!

Ethan and Gabriel Schlueter on the birth of a daughter, Zion Briel, on January 3 at Omaha.  
She joins older brother Joziah. Grandparents are Randy and Karen Schlueter.



Ava Bolli, Gage Wolter, Makenna Blum, Colten Daake, Alexis Thavenet and Mercedes Zimmerman for making the  
BHS Middle School and High School Honor Rolls.