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THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. STEPHEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Williamsburg, Virginia

February 2024



LENTEN PRACTICES

The tradition of giving something up for Lent or taking on a particular spiritual discipline is an old one. Lent itself is modeled after the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness after his Baptism. As you may remember, Jesus spent this time in prayer, fasting, and communing with God. And it was after these forty days that Jesus faced the temptations of Satan. We try to follow the example of Christ by taking on similar practices including things like giving something up, taking on a spiritual discipline, spending time in self-reflection, catechesis (learning about faith), and others. All of these are aimed at preparing the believer for Holy Week.

Traditionally, Lenten disciplines are aimed at three things that are closely related. Each of these areas of focus can also be described in terms of “justice.” The first is **prayer** which is justice towards God; the second is **fasting** which is justice towards self; and the third is **almsgiving** which is justice towards neighbor. As you begin your Lenten disciplines on Ash Wednesday (February 14) and for the forty days thereafter I invite you to focus on these justices, these disciplines; all of which challenge us to attend to our relationships.

But bear in mind that these disciplines are designed to draw us out from ourselves and towards God and neighbor. Even when we fast (justice to self) we do so as a means of focusing on God as provider and on the lack that many of our neighbors feel. We do these acts of justice all to the honor and glory of God; never mind if any others should notice or laud us. After all:

“...when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing... whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret... when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret.”
Matthew 6:3, 6, 17-18

Do not expect these disciplines, these acts of justice to be too easy, however. Not unlike Jesus after the forty days, we often find temptation surrounding us, and it can seem that those temptations are greatest when we are intentionally trying to dedicate ourselves to God. Spontaneous prayer or random acts of kindness often seem much easier than dedicating fifteen minutes a day to Bible study or prayer. We are easily distracted by to-do lists or tasks that draw our attention away from God. But the benefits are palpable. Dedicating time every day to attending to one’s relationship with God can do wonders for a person’s body, mind, and soul.

I pray for us all: Gracious God, we so easily fall prey to patterns of behavior that separate us from you and others. We want to do the right thing, the good thing, the loving thing, but temptation stalks the rim of our lives like a prowling animal. Before we know it, we’ve fallen into its grasp and begun the downward spiral into what is less than full life. Help us, Lord, to see when temptation is trying to cleverly captivate us. Give us the strength and fortitude to make choices for health and spiritual wholeness. Keep us faithful in our love for you and faithful to the wonder of being given the gift of life. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

In Christ,
Pastor Jon

CONGREGATION COUNCIL



Our January meeting was held on January 16, 2023

In attendance: Pastor Jon Nelson, Pastor Alex Sheppard-Witt, Sandy Croushore, Julie Meeks, Jeffery Berry, Susan Kauffman, Pam Buckley, Paul Reier, J.R. Lyons, Corey Knestrick, Lou Rossiter, Nancy Egloff, Brandon Cave, Roberta Sulouff, Alison Carney

- We are seeking additional contractors for our HVAC system replacement options/pricing.
- The January 28 Congregational Meeting agenda topics were reviewed.
- The sound system has been fixed under warranty. It will be back online as soon as possible, along with final cabinet work.
- The St. Stephen and Our Saviour's shared ministry committee is planning several joint events (May picnic) and worship (Holy Week), with details coming as soon as they are available. A shared ministry joint Council meeting is February 18. The next St. Stephen and Our Saviour's shared ministry committee meeting is March 4.
- The designation of \$23,760, which is in the budget, was approved for Pastor Jon Nelson's housing for 2024.
- St. Stephen's 2025 mortgage refinancing was discussed.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for February 18 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

Alison Carney, Secretary, Congregation Council

**Giving Statements for 2023
are available for pick-up in
the Gathering Space.**

CAMPUS MINISTRY



WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!!! Students arrive back on campus near the end of January, with classes starting up again on **January 24**. Please keep students in your prayers as they travel back to Williamsburg and transition back into the school year.

We had our spring planning meeting on January 11. It is shaping up to be a busy semester for LSA.

Saint Stephen Lutheran Church folks:

- Please prayerfully consider either hosting a Sunday night dinner or being willing to connect with students through the “adopt-a-student” program! We’re hoping to make signing up for dinners easier through digital sign-ups, in addition to the board in the Gathering Space. Keep an eye out in your bulletins and email inboxes!
- If you’re interested in the “adopt-a-student” program and you aren’t already signed up, it isn’t too late! Please feel free to reach out to Pastor Alex or Nancy Egloff, and we’ll get you connected.

Update on officers: Our newly elected secretary, Jared Dewey, is willing to serve a dual role and will also be taking on the treasurer role. Thank you, Jared!

LSA Calendar of Events

- **January 28:** Sunday Night Dinners begin (**6 pm**)
- **February 10:** Board Game Night for LSA and SSLC folks – bring a dish or snack to share (**5:30 pm**)
- **February 25:** Ice Cream Social (for all LSA students and for adopt-a-student families)
- **March 9-17:** Spring Break (no LSA dinners)
- **April 14:** LSA Led Worship
- **May 5:** Senior Recognition
- **May 17:** Spiritual Celebration
- **May 16-18:** Commencement

We pray for safe travels and for a time of holy rest over the break for our LSA students.

Peace,
Pastor Alex

Christian Nationalism and a Lutheran Perspective
The 2024 St. Stephen Lutheran Church Theologian in Residence

March 2 and 3, 2024

St. Stephen Lutheran Church
612 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg, VA

“...subject to the governing authorities...”
Romans 13

...believers “may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.”
Timothy 2

James G. Cobb, 50th Anniversary of Ordination

- **Parish Pastor (including First Lutheran, Norfolk), Associate Dean Gettysburg Seminary**
- Member, first ELCA National Church Council
- ELCA Delegate, Lutheran World Federation Assembly
- Author of (New!) Cross Connections, Reformation’s Rib, Sermonic City Sidewalks,
- Lutheran DNA: Testing the Augsburg Confession, and New Parish New Pastor.

Saturday Morning Session, March 2

- Gather (9:30 am)
- Presentation (10:00 - 10:50 am)
- Presentation Continued (11:00 - 11:50 am)
- Pot-Luck Lunch (Noon - 12:45 pm)
- Questions and Discussion (12:45 - 1:30 pm)

Sunday Morning Worship Services, March 3

- Preach at 8:30 am Worship Service
- Coffee in the College Room (10:00 am)
- Preach at 11:00 am Worship Service

Reference Reading for lectures on “Christian Nationalism:”

“The Psychology of Christian Nationalism,” Pamela Cooper White

“Christians Against Christianity,” Obery M. Hendricks, Jr.

“Taking America Back for God: Christian Nationalism in the U.S.” Andrew Whitehead and Samuel Perry

“American Gospel: God, the Founding Fathers and the Making of a Nation,” John Meacham

“The Kingdom, the Power and the Glory: American Evangelicals in an age of extremism,” Tim Alberta

“Introduction to Lutheranism,” Eric Gritsch

“A Compendium of Luther’s Theology,” Hugh Thomson Kerr, Jr.

BOOK STUDY LED BY PASTOR ALEX

Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians

Austen Hartke

(© 2023 - updated edition)

**Mondays at 7:00 pm – February 5, 12, 19, and 26,
March 11, 18, 25**

**Tuesdays at 1:30pm - February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 5,
12, 19**

Locations TBD.

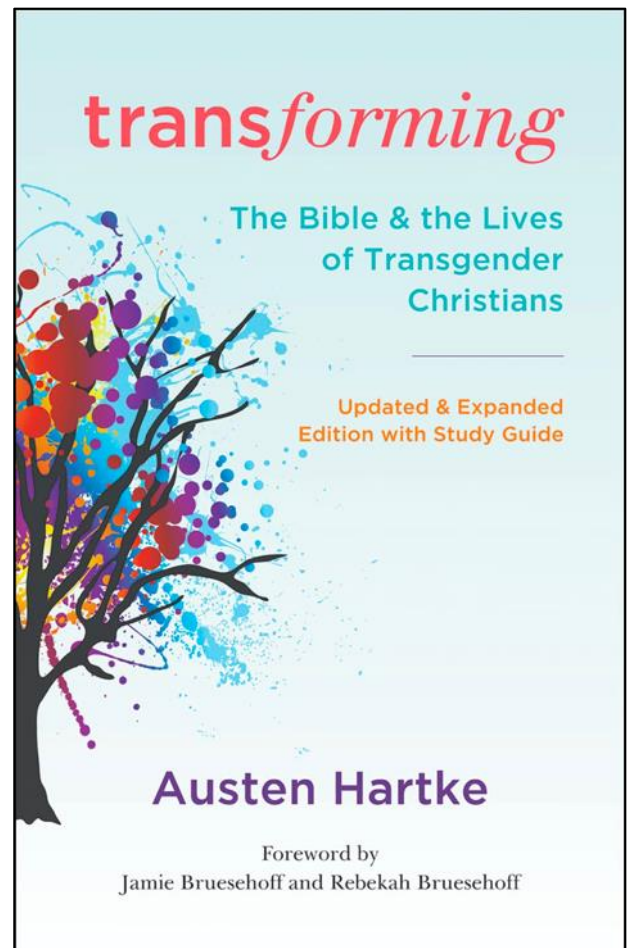
- Session 1: Intro: Did God make a mistake
Ch 1: Standing on the Edge
- Session 2: Ch 2: The Beginner's Guide
Ch 3: Sin, Sickness or Specialty?
- Session 3: Ch 4: And God Said,
Ch 5: Biblical Culture Shock
- Session 4: Ch 6: What's My Name Again?
Ch 7: God Breaks the Rules
- Session 5: Ch 8: All the Best Disciples are Eunuchs
Ch 9: Nothing Can Prevent Me
- Session 6: Ch 10: Even Jesus Had a Body
Ch 11: Life Beyond Apologetics
- Session 7: Ch 12: Does Gender Matter
- Conclusion: The Trans-Affirming Toolbox

Hartke (he/him) offers a vital perspective on the intersection of transgender identities and Christian faith. In a context where transgender individuals often face discrimination, hatred, and demonization, Hartke's work is a pioneering effort in bringing these issues into the realm of religious and scriptural discussion. His approach is particularly timely given the increasing social and legislative challenges faced by the transgender community.

The book seeks to engage Christians in a thoughtful conversation about transgender experiences. Hartke's book advocates for a trans-affirming Christian stance, deeply rooted in scripture and in faith. He challenges Christians to expand their understanding of God's creative and redemptive work in the world, inviting us to join in fostering a more loving and inclusive world. Alongside Hartke's work, I will be drawing upon a second book from a social-science perspective - *Life Isn't Binary*:

On Being Both, Beyond, and In-Between by Meg-John Barker and Alex Iantaffi. You are welcome to add it to your reading, if you would like. It is certainly not expected. A word of caution: there are matter-of-fact statements that discuss various sexual activities that may be uncomfortable.

If you would like a copy of the book (\$20.00 each), please sign up on the bulletin insert or call the Church Office and send your payment to the church marked "Book Study."



BOARD GAME NIGHT

Join us on **Saturday, February 10 at 5:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall for a board game night! Learn a new game or bring an old favorite. Please bring a dish or snack to share, water and lemonade will be provided.

Thank You!



Thank you for your in-kind donation to the Williamsburg House of Mercy (Five pounds of Food and 53 pounds of Christmas Gifts). In 2022, we received 184,725 pounds of in-kind donations and rely on these to supplement our costs in providing to the most vulnerable in our community.



What a blessing it is to have you as a donor to the **Community of Faith Mission (COFM)**. Your generous gift of \$2,523 enables COFM to continue its mission of providing emergency food and shelter to the most vulnerable in our community.

We know there are many worthy causes in the Greater Williamsburg area, and we are so grateful that you have chosen to support the area's emergency shelter program serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness. During the coldest months of the year, people depend on COFM for a safe place to stay, three meals a day and essential supplies like hygiene items and bus tickets.

Thank you for remembering our community's residents who are experiencing homelessness and for helping them through your donation to COFM. We are grateful that you feel compelled to help the people we serve. We truly appreciate your support and encouragement.

Jon Sprankle, Board Secretary, Community of Faith Mission, Inc.

From His Hands



On behalf of the From His Hands Leadership Committee, I would like to thank your church for your generous support of From His Hands throughout 2023!!! Your support assisted in feeding needy and homeless clients living in our local motels and at Grove Christian Outreach Center. As you may know, we serve our clients on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, weekly. We are aware of the growing food insecurity in our community. From His Hands served thousands of meals this past year. We are very appreciative of your support of From His Hands!!

From His Hands is an all-volunteer, non-profit Christian organization. We could not feed our needy clients without the dedication of partner churches and their volunteers! We are so grateful for the following volunteers from your church: **Randy Punchard, John Moravetz, and Jim Ivey**. They work tirelessly to provide delicious meals for From His Hands clients.

From His Hands is aware that there are many organizations that your church can support. We are grateful to St. Stephen Lutheran Church for your support of From His Hands. Again, thank you and be blessed!!

Theresa E. Kaufman, Treasurer, From His Hands



Thank you for all the support you have provided Angels of Mercy enabling us to continue our work in the community for more than 25 years!

We are currently in the process of building a new website and look forward to providing you an update in the near future.

Sincerely, Jeff



The Board and volunteers at FISH are grateful for your very generous \$1,000 donation on December 11, 2023. It will help us to serve neighbors who cannot provide for their own needs with regard to food, clothing, and housewares.

Our location at 312 Second Street allows us to better serve those who need a helping hand. You have let us know through your kind donation that we are not alone in helping others. We have such a caring community, and we at FISH feel blessed to have you supporting us in our mission.

M.A. Brown for the Board and Volunteers at FISH, Inc.



We look back at the past 12 months of work that we have accomplished at the Williamsburg House of Mercy and have a sense of wonder of everything accomplished:

- 46,253 individuals served on the drive-thru food pantry
- 17,421 meals prepared and served in our community kitchen
- 494 families received Thanksgiving meal ingredients
- 1,939 nights of shelter
- 105 moved into permanent supportive housing
- 117,636 diapers provided
- 294 mothers helped through HOPE pregnancy services
- 776 children received gifts on Christmas morning

This has been made possible with help from our donors, grants, community and faith partners.

You believe in our mission and we are grateful to the support today and always.

Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Joyous 2024.

Kevin Fleming, Director of Finance, Williamsburg House of Mercy

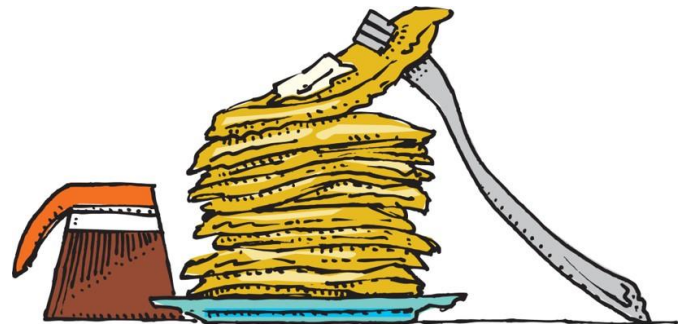


I want to thank you for putting your faith in action through your friendship with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and the people we serve. Your steadfast compassion and support provide safety, security, help and hope to immigrant and refugee families who are rebuilding their lives in a new land. Your presence and support have been incredibly meaningful, and I genuinely can't express my gratitude enough.

While our immigrant and refugee families sometimes face challenges in their transition, the holiday season presents us with fresh opportunities to make a positive impact. I invite you to demonstrate your ongoing commitment to our new neighbors by giving joyfully this Christmas and year-end season.

With sincere appreciation for your faithful prayers and generous support,

Krish O-Mara Vignarajah, President and CEO



SHROVE TUESDAY

Support the Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Join us for pancakes and sausages on **Shrove Tuesday, February 13**, in the Fellowship Hall from **5:00 - 7:00 pm**. Free will donation with all proceeds helping fund LYO activities (including our 2024 summer trip to the LYO Gathering in New Orleans).



MUSIC NOTES

For this month’s Quill article, I am shamelessly copying and plagiarizing myself – at least for the first paragraph. Last year in the February 2023 Quill I wrote an article titled “Why are we singing all these Global songs?” This is how that article began:

This Epiphany Season we are highlighting the global mission of the church. Do we not do that all year long? Yes, we do! However, the Epiphany of Our Lord (observed on January 6, the twelfth day of Christmas) is the day when foreigners, the magi, come to pay reverence before a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel. Philosopher Paul Woodruff writes: “We may be divided from one another by our beliefs, but never by our reverence. If you desire peace in the world, do not pray that everyone share your beliefs. Pray instead that all may be reverent.” (Reverence: Renewing a Forgotten Virtue, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014, p.11) Therefore, we celebrate our “Lord of all Nations” this Epiphany season with global liturgy.

This year we celebrate the Epiphany Season with a liturgical setting from the hymnal supplement *All Creation Sings*. Because our world can download and copy, get permissions to copy, pay licenses to copy, etc., we have not put the hard copies of this hymnal supplement (ACS) in our pews. We rarely pick up our cranberry hymnbooks that are in our pews. Our bulletin has all the music and spoken word literally at our fingertips – making it, hopefully, very user friendly for our visitors as well as our members to have everything in one place.

In our cranberry ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship) hymnbook, we have ten liturgical settings – ten different musical settings of the Kyrie, Hymns of Praise, Gospel Acclamation, Sanctus (Holy, Holy), and Agnus Dei (Lamb of God). With the ACS (All Creation Sings) we have two more settings – Setting 11 and Setting 12. In 2018, the ELCA asked congregations what worship resources were perhaps missing from the ELW hymnal that would be helpful moving forward. After all, ELW was now twelve years old. Many suggested that they were worshipping in both English and Spanish and needed a bilingual

resource. Liturgical Setting 11 is the answer to this call. If you were to look at a hard copy of *All Creation Sings*, you would see parallel columns of the layout: English on one side, Spanish on the other. For example:

Gathering Song	Cantico de entrada
Prayer of the Day	Oracion del dia
Word	Palabra
Gospel	Evangelio
Meal	Cena
Great Thanksgiving	Gran plegaria eucaristica

The layout demonstrates how we worship together, side by side. Folks can learn the other’s language with the translation right next to it. The goal of the liturgy was to present the service of Holy Communion in a way that could be successfully bilingual, as well as led entirely in English, entirely in Spanish, or a mixture of the two. The only piece commissioned for this liturgy was the Kyrie, written by Ana Hernandez. The Gloria comes to us from an unknown Peruvian composer. An anonymous Honduran composer wrote the Gospel Acclamation. “Santo, santo, santo/Holy, Holy, Holy” comes from the composer William Loperena (1935-1996) of Puerto Rico – and Rudy Espinoza of Nicaragua wrote the “Cordero de Dios/Lamb of God.” Singing this Spanish Setting 11 this Epiphany season highlights the church’s ministry with our brothers and sisters in Christ all around the world.

Karen Ives, Music Director

Thanks to David Sims, Senior Music Editor at Augsburg Fortress in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Sims was part of the team of editors who compiled *All Creation Sings*. He is an active church musician and composer. Copies of *All Creation Sings* will be available in the gathering space and on the worship space piano for congregants to peruse these new liturgies. Setting 12 is one composed by Anne Krentz Organ especially designed as an evening communion liturgy – another suggestion from that 2018 ELCA survey.





STEWARDSHIP ESSENTIALS

I beg your indulgence as I do something I have not done before. I wish to share anew the column I wrote last March, when I shared about the special Lenten Offering we collected to help address the issue of unmanageable medical debt in our society. I do this because our Social Ministry Coordinating Committee has taken on this issue again this year.

The United States is the only developed country in the world today without a program of health care centralized by the government as a basic service to its citizens. Instead, we have maintained a sometimes chaotic marketplace of health insurance products available to our population. People over 65 have Medicare, provided by the government. People at the bottom of the economic scale are eligible for the patchwork of state-sponsored Medicaid plans which leave many without meaningful health coverage. People with good-paying jobs usually have some form of employer-sponsored health coverage, but between deductibles and co-pays, this can still leave staggering medical bills following a severe illness. And yet others fall through the cracks and have little if any coverage to help them when they need it. Living paycheck to paycheck as most folks do in our society, a sudden burden of tens of thousands of dollars of medical debt is overwhelming with no way out.

RIP Medical Debt is a program in which money raised is used to pay off people's medical debt to help keep them out of bankruptcy. Such debt can be bought out for just pennies on the dollar, giving the people who owe it a chance for a new beginning. Having seen up close how medical debt has overwhelmed families, I'm all for doing something that can make a difference for these folks. So this is how I plan to support this program this Lent:

- Each week I will skip lunch one day - I will undertake a mini-fast.

- Each week I will take the money I save by skipping lunch (say \$10) and place it in the offering plate, noting that it is for the RIP Medical Debt program.
- And because I like round numbers, I will plan to round it all up to \$100 with a final offering on Easter Sunday when we celebrate God's greatest gift to us, the promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

In this way, I will have been deliberate about practicing these two spiritual disciplines, fasting and giving, as part of my lenten devotions.

Last year we raised over \$6,600 dollars for debt nationwide. This year we will target medical debt in the Peninsula area, and we are inviting other congregations to join us in this effort. I hope you will again lend your support. Maybe you would like to join me in fasting and donating the funds you save. Maybe you will have another approach that is more meaningful for you. However you choose, may God bless you in your stewardship of the resources in your care.

Your brother in Christ,
Jim Larsen



MEN'S & WOMEN'S BREAKFASTS

- **February 1** – Men are invited to join together for breakfast the first **Thursday** of this month.
- **February 6** – Women are invited to join together for breakfast the first **Tuesday** of this month.

Both gatherings take place at **8:00 AM** at the Colonial Pancake House, at the corner of Page Street and Penniman Road, Williamsburg, VA. The get-togethers promote conversation and friendship in a casual setting.



ST. STEPHEN LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

We are busy ice skating our way through this winter! Even though we haven't had any snow, that's not stopping us from bringing the Winter Wonderland activities into our school. If you can believe it, we are already registering families for the 2024-2025 school year. Time sure has flown by. If you know of any families with preschool age children, please feel free to have them reach out to me for a personal tour of our amazing school.

Spring is just around the corner and we are looking forward to some exciting events, one of which is a field trip to the Williamsburg City Fire Department. They have completed construction and are inviting schools from the community to come and visit. We enjoyed their visit with us during Fire Prevention Week so we are really looking forward to this field trip.

Thank you for all your support and prayers this year. The Preschool is so grateful to be part of St. Stephen Lutheran Church and we appreciate all you do to help us thrive.

Many Blessings,
Holly Ready, Preschool Director



STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. STEPHEN



You don't need to go it alone...

Most of us have been touched by the challenges of severe personal distress or disappointment such as with loss of a child, divorce, loss of a soul-mate or dear friend. Many of us have gone through emotional strains related to health challenges or problems at work. Many of us have been just plain sad and haven't known the reasons why.

All of us face challenges, maybe not as bad as these, but still very challenging. Most of us can get by with the help of faith, family and friends. But sometimes the sadness, loneliness or depression just hangs on or even intensifies. In those cases, having a Stephen Minister to talk with can be a blessing.

Stephen Ministers are members of the church who have undergone extensive training and have volunteered to provide confidential lay counseling services to peers experiencing life's crises. We are trained to become very skilled, sympathetic listeners who keep maintaining confidentiality as a top priority. We continue to walk along with our care receivers for months to years until their time of crisis is passed depending on their needs.

Of course, we realize that we are lay counselors, and do not have the experience and training of professional psychiatrists and psychologists. Because of that, we undergo careful, confidential supervision to make sure that optimal care is being provided for each individual and if warranted, arrangements are made for referral for professional psychiatric or psychological counseling if that would be beneficial for the one receiving care and if he or she agrees.

In summary, a free, caring, confidential, personal support service is available to help you as you face problems or difficulties that seem insurmountable. If your regular support systems just don't seem to be working, just let us know. Talk to one of the pastors, or call **Bill Dichtel** at (757) 232-5334 or by email at bill.dichtel@gmail.com.

Bill Dichtel, Stephen Leader



FEBRUARY

2	Don Hardenbergh	Gretchen Osborn
5	Quill Agor	
10	Walker Beatty	
11	Kathy Skube	
12	Jesse Zimbauer	
13	Robert Cummings	Cyndy Touhsaent
	Danya Zimbauer	Erich Zimbauer
14	Harlan Schone	
17	Pat Janot	Marilyn Johnson
18	Glenn Joppa	
19	Beatty Coleman	
21	Bill Dichtel	
22	Keara Mahony	
23	Nicholas Brisson	Angie Groom
25	Nancy Egloff	Max Hinders
	Terri Larsen	
27	David Wills	





FEBRUARY BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

PRAYERS



The significance of baptism, Luther teaches in the *Small Catechism*, is “that the old creature in us with all sins and evil desires is to be drowned and die through daily contrition and repentance, and on the other hand that daily a new person is to come forth and rise up to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.”

Your baptismal anniversary is an opportunity to light a baptismal candle and to give some prayer time to reflecting on your experiences during the past year on your journey in faith!

Pastor Jon Nelson

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| 1 | John Shoenfelt | |
| 6 | Rosalie Frey | |
| 10 | Delaynie Wilkins | |
| 13 | Keith Egloff | Russ Dabel |
| 14 | Brian VanRosendale | |
| 15 | Susan Neidlinger | Karen Shoberg |
| | Gayle Spencer | |
| 17 | Eleanor Bergh | |
| 21 | Alex Stauffer | Mitchell Stauffer |
| | Peter Stauffer | Zhou Hui Stauffer |
| 22 | Caitlin Leek | Jaina Leek |
| 24 | Keara Mahony | |
| 25 | Tom Berkey | |

Others who were baptized in February:
Lori Janke

Were you baptized in February but your name isn't on the list above? Let us know!

Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for **Aaren Battle, Ed Brown, Kristin Carter, Jack Harris, Sharon Jacobs, Marilyn Johnson, Evelyn Kernan, David Maris, Jim Mayfield, Carole Meyer, and Linda Reuben.**

Pray for those unable to come to worship: **Martin Bleck, Ed Brown, Birdie Burton, York Doerr, Bob and Angie Groom, Edith Haecker, Pat Janot, Jeanne Nelson, Darlene Simon, and Kay Wasaff.**

Pray for these loved ones of our congregation: Benita, Paula Battle, Donald and Carol Baum, Rose Baumgarten, Sally Blackburn, Linda Bonfiglio, Mary Bloom, Steve Boyles, Ann Bunn, Amy Carl, Jerry and Elijah Connor, Judy Craun, Doug Crinklaw, Sophia Czajkowski, Judy Drezek, Charlie Eidson, Joel Gillespie, Joan and Frank Goodhart, Deanna Harbison, Nick Havola, Bradley Kim Joan and Laurie Heintzelman, Char Henry, Lisa Hill, The Jacobs Family, Brian Johnson, Don Johnson, Connie Kendrick, The Kennedy family, Marnah Lund, David Maris, Laura Margolin, Doug Mayes, Jack Mayfield, Becky Murphy, Ed Moninger, John and Pollie Morison, Maddie Murray, Bob Myers, Silvana Oderisi, Lori Ogborn, Shary Raske, Paula Rega, Mark Punchard, Marci Ries, Sharon Rogers, Betty Roth, Lou Schuster, Inge Seiter, Kelsey Slay, Brant Smith, Vasili Soultoukis, Chad Strausbaugh, Charley Underdahl, and Caleb Winig.



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