



FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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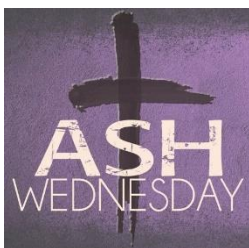
Pastor Rosemary Captain

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

February is here. What is the one of the first things we celebrate in February? GROUNDHOG DAY! February 2. It also happens to be my son's birthday. However, in 1979 there was a foot of ice on the ground. Gratefully we shouldn't be having that this year.

I know there was a movie made called Groundhog Day and part of the plot had to do with February 2 happening over and over and over. It got me thinking about things we do over and over and over again, such as sinning. The good thing about this is that God forgives us over and over and over. No matter what, God never abandons us. God always gives us another chance. God loves us over and over and over again. I can't think of anything more precious than the love of God happening over and over and over again, or perhaps I should say remains. God remains with us over and over and over. We should celebrate that every day, not just once a year like Groundhog Day.

Peace and blessings, Pastor Rosemary Captain



This year Ash Wednesday is on February 22. We will have services with imposition of ashes at 12 noon and 7 pm in the sanctuary.

Council News

At the Annual Meeting January 22, 3 new Council members were elected. I would like to welcome Nancy Eisenhauer, Jan Miller and Russ Hartmann to the Council. I appreciate your willingness to serve. I would like to give a big thank you to the 3 retiring members Becky Riess, Chuck Kistler and Tom Miller. We still have 1 vacant spot if anyone is interested in joining us.

The 2023 council members are
Sue Williams – President
Nancy Eisenhauer – Vice President
Ginny Ganschinietz – Treasurer
Jan Miller – Secretary
Judy Schmitt & Russ Hartmann – Financial Secretaries
Eric Moayer – Building & Grounds

AMONG OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:



2/2 Christopher Captain
2/4 Tyler Underwood
2/10 Conner Brink
2/11 Ivy Schneider

2/14 Dylan Turnbull
2/23 Sue Ganschinietz
2/27 Aaron Eisenhauer

PRAYER LIST: Urban Baum, David Seneczyn, Cheri Schutzenhofer, Theo Mally, Becky Ballard, Rosemary Williams, Larry Wagner, Jack O'Day, Ronald Bopp, Floyd Lorenz, Alister and Garrett Pickens, S. Schmidt.



EVENING CIRCLE

Dear St. John Ladies,

February brings the color RED, LACE, FLOWERS, HEARTS, and LOVE.

We'd love to have all of St. John's ladies attend our next Evening Circle meeting after church on February 12th.

At our January meeting we signed 50 Valentine cards to be given to Veterans.

In our February meeting we will discuss Carol Bulva's Free Prom Event. It will be held on March 11th, 9 am.-2 pm. She will also need volunteers to iron and hang dresses before the 11th.

Hope to see you on Feb. 12th.

February

All outdoors
Edged in lace,
Twigs and grasses
Beauteous grace.

Sunlight glows
Through snowy birches,
On frosty limb
A blue jay perches.

Thank you, Lord,
For heavenly art,
Your valentine
Has touched my heart. Adeline Roseberg

Eileen Gammon, Evening Circle Co-Chair

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO WORSHIP WITH US

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February

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Zoom Bible Study at 6:30 pm AA Meeting	3	4
5 Service of Word & Sacrament 10 am Fellowship time after worship	6	7	8 Church Council Meeting at 7 pm via Zoom	9 Zoom Bible Study at 6:30 pm AA Meeting	10	11
12 Choir rehearsal 9 am Service of Word 10 am Choir sings at service Evening Circle after worship Quilters 4-5:30 pm	13	14	15	16 Hearts & Hands daytime Quilters 10-2 pm Zoom Bible Study at 6:30 pm AA Meeting	17	18 Workshop 8:30 to 4:30
19 Service of Word 10 am	20	21	22 Ash Wednesday Services at noon and 7 pm	23 Zoom Bible Study at 6:30 pm AA Meeting	24	25
26 Service of Word 10 am	27	28				

February Ushers

February 5 – Jan and Tom Miller

February 12 – Sue Williams and Chuck Kistler

February 19 - Judy Schmitt and

February 26 - Sue and Ginny Ganschinietz