

ANNOUNCEMENTS
WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14, 2021

IN OUR PRAYERS: Ed Clifford; Ashlyn; Jim Lambert; Chuck Kellogg; Stan & Priscilla Peters; Jim Cleveland; Jerry & Rebecca Gump

YOUTH GROUP RETREAT! Friday and Saturday, February 26-27, for all 6th – 12th grade youth. Cost is \$20 per person. Feel free to invite friends! See Pastor or Sem. Marks to register or for more information. **TODAY** is the last day to sign up!

LENTEN POTLUCKS will begin this coming Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 6:00pm. The last potluck supper will be March 24. Join us!

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES will focus on the story of salvation in five major Old Testament passages. Join us for the stories of Creation, the Flood, the Crossing of the Red Sea, Jonah, and the Fiery Furnace.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Old Testament highlights

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: The Book of Isaiah

CALENDAR

Sun. Feb. 14 (Quinquagesima)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Bible Study / Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation NO YOUTH GROUP
Wed. Feb. 17 (Ash Wednesday)	11:00am Holy Communion (mask req'd.) 6:00pm Potluck Supper 7:00pm Holy Communion
Thu. Feb. 18	7:00pm Bible Study
Sun. Feb. 21 (Lent 1)	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Sunday School / Bible Study 11:30am Confirmation

FAITH PRAYS

These suggestions can help you and your family stay connected to the church year and focus on what we hear, sing, and pray together on Sunday. Sundays form, shape, and lead us Christians into the week. Pick three days this week to reflect on Sunday's readings, prayers, and hymns. Each day you might do this:

1. Read one reading and the "Thinking About." How do the readings fit together? What themes do you see?
2. Sing or read the hymn. Ask Pr. Mullet to borrow a hymnal. You should be able to find it on YouTube if it's unfamiliar!
3. Pray the Collect of the Day and the Lord's Prayer.

THE WEEK OF QUINQUAGESIMA (FEB. 14)

OT: Isaiah 35:3-7

GOSPEL: Luke 18:31-43

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

HYMN: LSB 849

COLLECT OF THE DAY: O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THINKING ABOUT THE READINGS

The seeing are blind, while the one who is blind can see (Luke 18:31–43). Jesus tells the twelve that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and rise again, but they cannot understand or grasp what He is saying. The meaning of His words is hidden from their sight. However, as Jesus makes His way up to Jerusalem, a blind man calls out to Him for mercy. This blind man sees that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, for he calls Him "Son of David." Indeed, Jesus is the Lord's anointed, the keeper of sheep (1 Sam. 16:1–13) who goes to lay down His life for the sheep. He is the incarnate love of the Father who suffers long and is kind, who is not puffed up, who never fails us (1 Cor. 13:1–13). Jesus opens the eyes of the blind (Is. 35:3–7) to see Him not according to outward appearances of lowliness, but according to His heart of mercy and compassion. Those who behold Him thus by faith follow Him to the cross through death into life.