

Revelation

Letter from the Pastor,

In the 40 days leading up to Easter, Christians celebrate Lent. Derived from the Anglo Saxon word "lencten," meaning "spring," Lent is a special period of reflection, fasting, and prayer, where Christians are encouraged to recall the sacraments of baptism and penance in preparation for Easter Sunday.

The season of Lent lasts 40 days to represent the amount of time Jesus spent in the desert — fasting and preparing for his ministry — and to celebrate, many Christians choose to make a sacrifice of their own over those 40 days.

Each year, the Lenten season is determined by the liturgical observance of Easter Sunday. The date can't be fixed, since Easter always occurs on the first Sunday after the Paschal full moon, which is the first full moon on or after the spring equinox.

This year, Easter falls on Sunday, April 17, 2022. This means Lent will begin on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 with Ash Wednesday. On that day, pastors gather ashes from the previous year's Palm Sunday and rub them on congregants' foreheads while citing Genesis 3:19: "For you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

We will have our Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30. Come and join me in the time of reflection and repentance.

Kibum Kim, Pastor



Enhanced Online Giving

Additional options have been enabled for online giving through our web site. You can access <u>Online Giving</u> or scan the QR code with your phone.

Through online giving, you have the option to give with a credit card or to setup direct deposit from your checking account. These gifts can be setup for a one-time gift or as a recurring gift. There is even an option to increase your gift to cover the cost of credit card processing fees!



We encourage you to create an account using the e-mail address you receive e-mails on from the church so your giving is associated with your account in the ChurchTrac membership system and will appear on your annual giving statement. By creating an account, you will also have access to all of the giving options mentioned above. If you do not want to create an account, there is an option to give as a guest.

Change the World Sunday

Our 11th annual Change the World event is coming on Sunday, May 1st! If you have a project idea, please let any member of the Missions Team know! Team members include: Pam Campbell, Julie Cory, Cindy Kocher, Bruce Nutter, Marvin Petersen, Branson Wilcox, and Nancy Wentz.



Missions and Outreach

Don't forget to pick up your Lenten box! Boxes will be available in a basket outside the sanctuary during Lent. Money collected in Lenten boxes will go to Missions Agency Support. For a list of missions agencies who receive support through this giving, go to www.greatplainsumc.org/missionagencysupport. We collected \$26.78 for Mission Agency Support in the February Missions Buckets.



We will pass the Missions Buckets on March 20th for the UMCOR Special Offering. For more details about this offering, visit https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-what-is-umcor-sunday.

Food Distribution

Commodities for February was cancelled by the State of Kansas as there was not enough food to go around the state. We had several phone calls asking for food. We were able to help 4 families, 6 singles and 2 couples. For a total of 27 people served.



Little Free Pantry



Winter is here! Please do not leave items in the pantry that could freeze when the weather is predicted to be extremely cold. In particular, canned goods can freeze and spoil.

During March, we are continuing to collect donations of the following items:

Boxed Cereals

Tomato Sauce

Diced Tomatoes

Chili Beans (Red, Kidney, Pinto)

We have LOTS of Chili Seasoning and need the ingredients to go with the seasoning!

Cloud County Resource Center Needs

The Food Bank is open and accepting donations of cash or food items for distribution on Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

If you would like to volunteer at the CCRC, please contact Tonya Merrill at 785-243-1065 or ccrc@nckcn.com.



Meals on Wheels

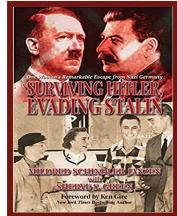
The Senior Center is looking for volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels. To volunteer, contact the Senior Center at 243-1872. Meals on Wheels provides a hot meal and human contact for the homebound.



Book Club

It isn't too late to join our Book Club to read the book <u>Surviving Hitler, Evading Stalin</u>, a historical autobiography by Mildred Janzen of Ellsworth, KS. Contact Nancy Wentz at <u>ndwentz@gmail.com</u> for more details!

Books will be provided for the group to read this spring. Mildred will be visiting Concordia for a Question & Answer/Book Signing Event on June 11th!





Healthy Congregations

We are resuming Yoga Classes in March!

- Classes are scheduled for March 6th and 20th at 6:00 pm and will be held the Choir Room in the basement.
- Participants will be asked to social distance during the class and wear a mask as they enter/leave the building. Attendance will be taken.
- Classes will last around an hour and are open to all skill levels (including beginners). Participants may want to bring a mat or towel for the floor and small pillow or towel to sit on. Christen Napier will be the class instructor.

Contact Angie Gabel-McConkey (angie.gabel@usd333.com) or Mary Thoman (lowell54@rhelectric.net) for more details!



740 Prayer Initiative

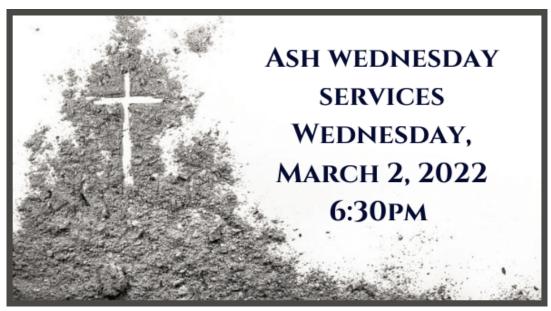
Set your phones to remind yourself to stop at 7:40am and 7:40pm each day to pray for our Church and the Mission and Ministry we are called to do.











Stop the Bleed Training

On February 23rd, the eight members of the IMPACT youth group received Stop the Bleed training from the Concordia Fire Department. Thanks to Sydney Conner and Johnnie Mastin for providing the training!







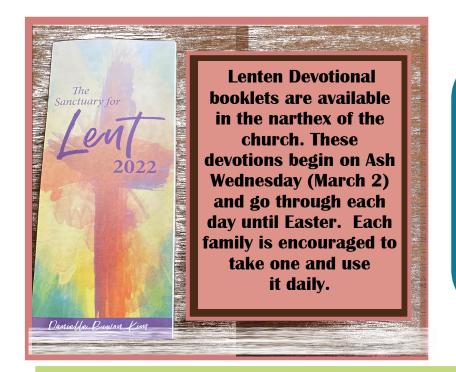




Secret Prayer Sisters Reveal!

16 ladies attended the SPS reveal party! Thank you Donna Reedy , Mary Lisa Thoman and Ann Lanoue for planning this years event! We have 3 new ladies joining us this year, and one cute future SPS! Guess who that may be!







No Table talk on March 16, 2022 due to Spring Break!



All Ladies of the Church are invited to a social gathering on the Back porch at Jitters Saturday March 12, 2022 9:00am—10:00am

Full of Jesus!



Easter Lilies

6" One stem \$20.00

Your Name____

In Memory of_

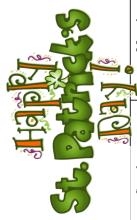
Or you may make a monetary donation in memory of your loved one.

In Memory of_

Orders due by April 1, 2022



1 - Monte Wentz 5 - BETH WHISLER 6 - Amanda Terrill 7- Darlene Pearson 8 - Jim Lanoue 9 - Alicia McKenna 12- John Culley 13 - Mary Vazquez 15 - Inshin Kim 15 - Claudia Ukens 15 - Daniel Chaput 17 - Kay Thompson 21 - Linda Culley 24 - Connie Bentz 27 - Megan Thoman 31 - Bailey Conner 31 - Marty Ade



MARCH 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 5:00pm Sitting with Jesus 5:45pm Table Talk 6:30pm Ash Wed. Services	3	4	5
6 9:30am Crusaders Searchers Impact 10:30am Worship	7	8	9 5:00pm Sitting with Jesus 5:45pm Table Talk	10	11	12
13 9:30am Crusaders Searchers Impact 10:30am Worship	14 5:30pm FUMC Council	15	16 5:00pm Sitting with Jesus Table Talk Cancelled	17 Happy	18	19
20 9:30am Crusaders Searchers Impact 10:30am Worship	21	22	23 5:00pm Sitting with Jesus 5:45pm Table Talk	24	25	26
27 9:30am Crusaders Searchers Impact 10:30am Worship	28 5:30pm M&M's meeting	29	30 5:00pm Sitting with Jesus 5:45pm Table Talk	31		

Sunday Morning Volunteers

	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
Worship Leader	Cindy	Angie	Loren	
Sound				
Media	Mary Lisa	Lisa	Janice	Janice
Greeters				
Nursery Helpers	Jan/	Jan/	Jan/	Jan/
Children's Moment	XXXXXXXXXXX	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxx
Scripture Reader				
Ushers	Lyle/Steve	Lyle/Steve	Lyle/Steve	Lyle/Steve
Acolytes				



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Sunday Services:

Crusaders: 9:30am Searchers: 9:30am Worship: 10:30am

Wednesday:

Sittin' with Jesus 5:00pm