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PASTOR'S CORNER

I know most people are wondering when we will be going back to in person worship services and my answer is not the answer most want to hear for I do not know when. I can assure you when I know the date, I will be very busy letting everyone know.

Where did the month of January go is my question? It seems that we just finished Christmas a week ago, but now we are looking at February. In February, we need to start thinking about Lent, but have no idea what it will look like yet. Ash Wednesday is on February 17th and I have no idea if or how we will celebrate this, but you can be sure that as soon as I know something we will get the information out to everyone. As of now we will continue to hold services using Zoom online along with the home services and daily devotions. Remember Sunday afternoons the morning worship service is posted on the website www.gilbertcommunityumc.org.

One thing that has not and will not change is that to help you to spend some extra time with God during the Lenten season, again devotionals will be provided. We have the Lenten Devotionals already and are working on a plan to get them out to everyone before Ash Wednesday. At the moment the plan is that most of them will go out using the US mail service and mailed on the 8th or 9th. If you want to pick them up at the church, let DeEtta or me know and they will be left on the desk marked for you. I ask that you let us know by Friday the 5th.

The pandemic continues and we need to continue to follow the safety measures of masks, washing our hands and social distancing so we can keep safe and others safe too. The good news is that the vaccine is being given and at the moment I know of two possible ways of obtaining it. The state which is running a lottery for

receiving the vaccine. To register you can go to [MN.GOV/VACCINE](https://mn.gov/vaccine) and be put on a waiting list from which they will randomly pick who will receive it. The closest right now are being given is in Mt Iron. You can also call 612-426-7230. If you are an Essentia Health patient on the “My Chart” you can register for their system of receiving a vaccine. There is a survey to fill out and they will contact you if and when you are chosen to receive a vaccine.

Continue to reach out safely to those who may be fighting loneliness by a note or a phone call or a text so they know someone cares. Continue to pray for the day we can return to in person worship each day as we pray for those directly affected by COVID including medical staff.

By the way have a Happy Valentine’s Day and may you find time to worship our Heavenly Father that day too.

Take care of yourselves and you loved ones. God Bless each of you. Remember God is always only a prayer away.

Pastor Mary Lou

SUNDAY SCHOOL

When our church opens the doors again – our Sunday School will be back in business. Remember that all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. Join us for 45 minutes of Bible stories, music and crafts!

Sue Malevich

AD COUNCIL/EVA KIEREN CIRCLE

Our next Ad Council meeting will be held on Sunday, March 7th at 1:00 p.m. Please join us.

SALVATION ARMY SUPPER CLUB

Right now the Salvation Army asks that all volunteers NOT serve until further notice – they are handing out bag lunches and hot meals.

Remember our church helps to serve the Salvation Army Supper Club the third Thursday of the month. Serving starts at 3:30 p.m. and only takes a couple of hours. We need more volunteers to sign up. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

SMALL PANTRY

Our church is always collecting non perishable food items for the Small Food Pantry which is right outside our church doors. Either put food right into the pantry or leave on the back pew of the church. Paper items (toilet paper and paper towels) are also greatly needed. Cereal, paper goods and snacks for children seem to go the fastest.

The last Sunday of each month we will be holding a Noisy Offering.... In this offering we will pass a can and everyone will bring pocketfuls of change to put in the can and make lots of noise. For 2020 we were collecting to help Foster Children for extra expenses through the Social Services. No new mission has been chosen for 2021.

Arrowhead Senior Nutrition Services - Senior Dining AEOA is offered at senior housing, community or senior centers and some restaurants or at the Eveleth IGA can be had for \$4.00 for anyone over 60 years old. Just call (218) 735-6899 or 1-800-662-5711 ext. 6899 to get on their list.

COFFEE AN' will be cancelled for now...

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2nd Mel Annala
6th John Jagunich
10th Sue Malevich
12th Barb Skalko Kern
27th Bubs Heitzman

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

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| 7 th | Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c (UMH 859) 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 | 14 th | 2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 (UMH 783) 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 |
| 21 st | Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 (UMH 756) 1 Peter 3:18-22 | 28 th | Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 (UMH 752) Romans 4:13-25 |

LITURGIST FOR FEBRUARY

7th Don Peterson
14th Norma Purkat
21st John Malevich
28th DeEtta Annala

USHERS LIST FOR FEBRUARY

7th Don and Terri Peterson
14th Mary Thesing and Linda Thesing-
Hall
21st John Malevich
28th Tom and Deanna Hafdahl

Neither Liturgists or Ushers are needed at this time...

YARD WORK FOR FEBRUARY (week runs Monday-Sunday)

February 1st-7th Kerzie/Hafdahl
February 8th-14th Peterson
February 15th-21st John and Norma Z
February 22nd-28th Malevich

*We have another option this year concerning the Winter Yard Work Schedule for the church during 2121. I have hired John Jamnick, who lives across the alley in back of the church for the times it snows very hard. He will plow along the alley side of the church and do the sidewalks in front of the church. We would still have to do the front and back steps. If he doesn't plow whomever is assigned would be responsible to do the shoveling. If you are unable to shovel during your assigned week, you should try to find a sub. If that doesn't work, we have been approached by the Eveleth-Gilbert National Honor Society. If you contact Addison:

aljohnson1@arrps.org or phone 218-410-4097, she will have a NHS student(s) come and do the shoveling. It will cost \$20.00 for all of it (you are responsible for that amount and tips are optional). If you are unable to meet the student(s) at the church to pay them, please mail your payment to: Addison Johnson

c/o Eveleth-Gilbert National
Honor Society
801 Jones Street
Eveleth MN 55734

Thank you for helping OUR church whichever way you choose.

God Bless,

John Malevich